

Quantum metrology with entangled atoms

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Atom chip

Atomic spins in
Bose condensate

A 3D schematic of an atom chip. The chip is a yellowish-gold surface with several parallel channels. In the center, a cluster of blue spheres represents a Bose condensate. Each sphere has a small black arrow pointing upwards, representing atomic spins. The chip is surrounded by a dark background.

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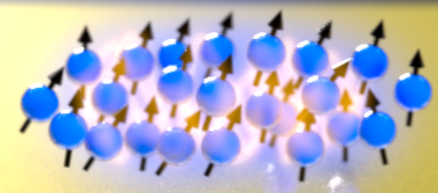
A 3D schematic of a microchip with a central Bose condensate. The chip is made of a yellow material with grey and orange circuit patterns. The condensate is a cluster of blue spheres with black arrows representing spins. A light blue oval on the left contains the text 'Spin squeezing'.

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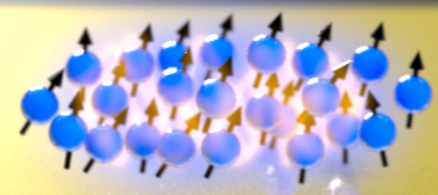
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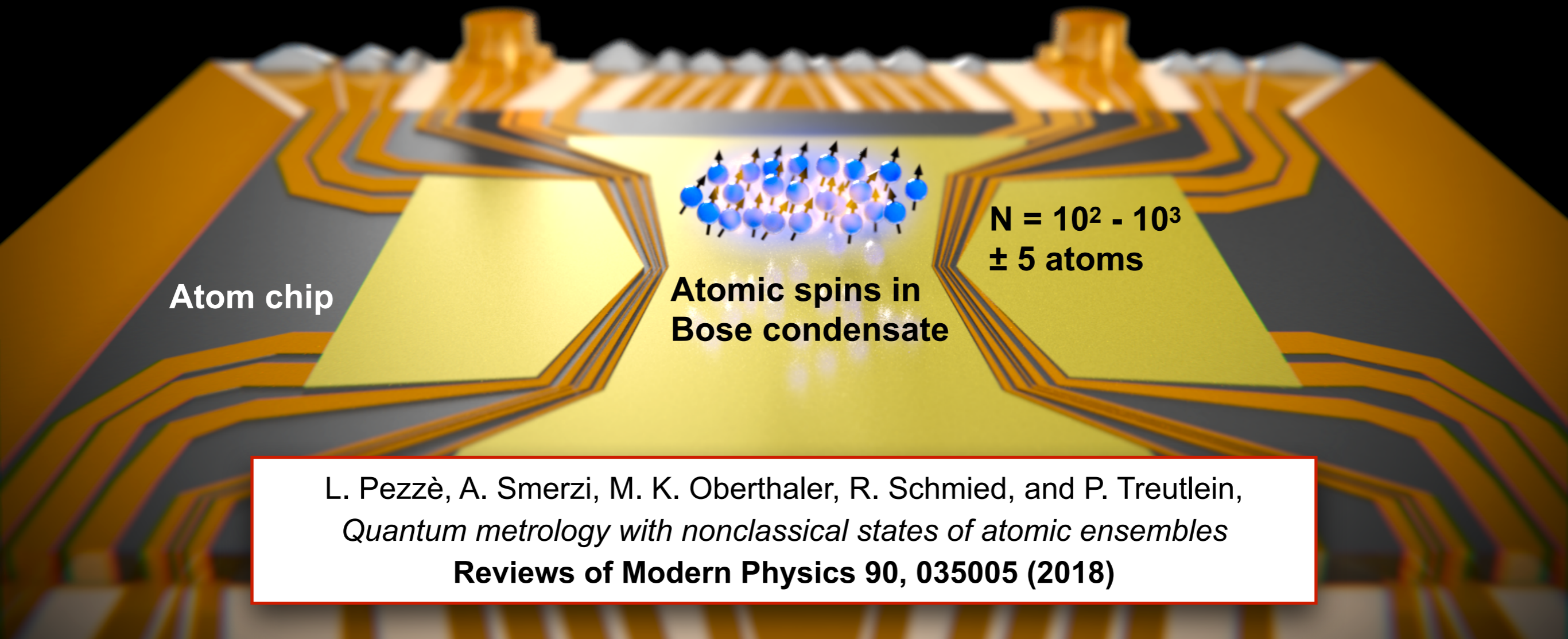
Many-particle entanglement and quantum metrology

Fundamental questions

- different classes of non-classical states
- depth of correlations?
- indistinguishable particles
- detection of correlations?
- usefulness? robustness?

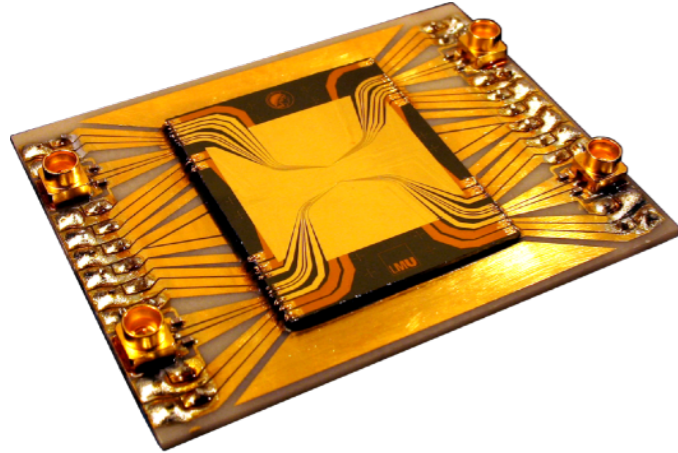
Quantum metrology

- interferometry beyond standard quantum limit (SQL)
- field&force sensing on micrometer scale
- field imaging



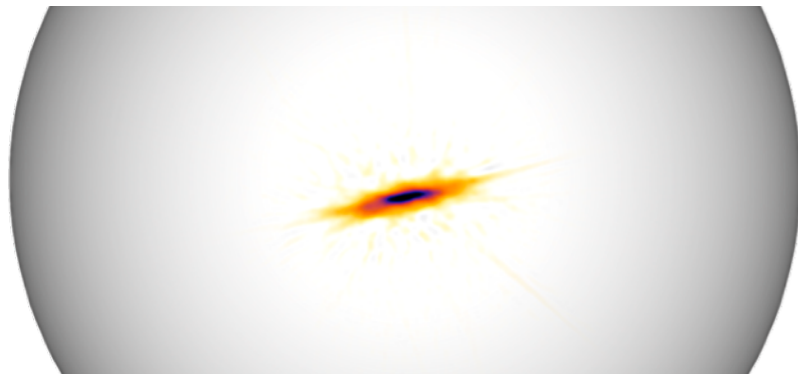
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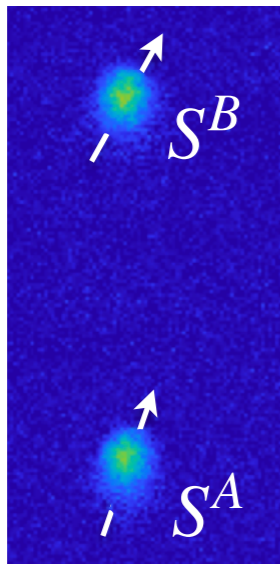
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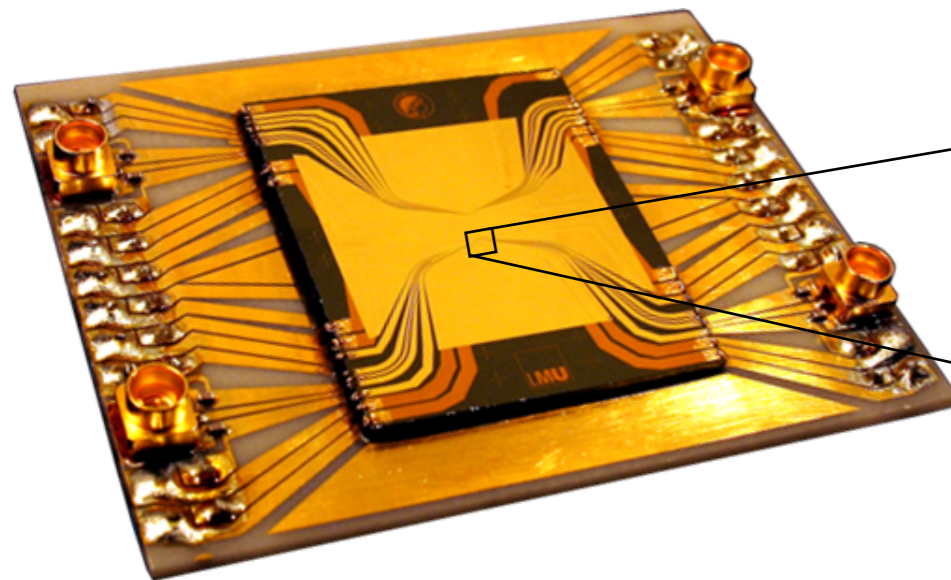
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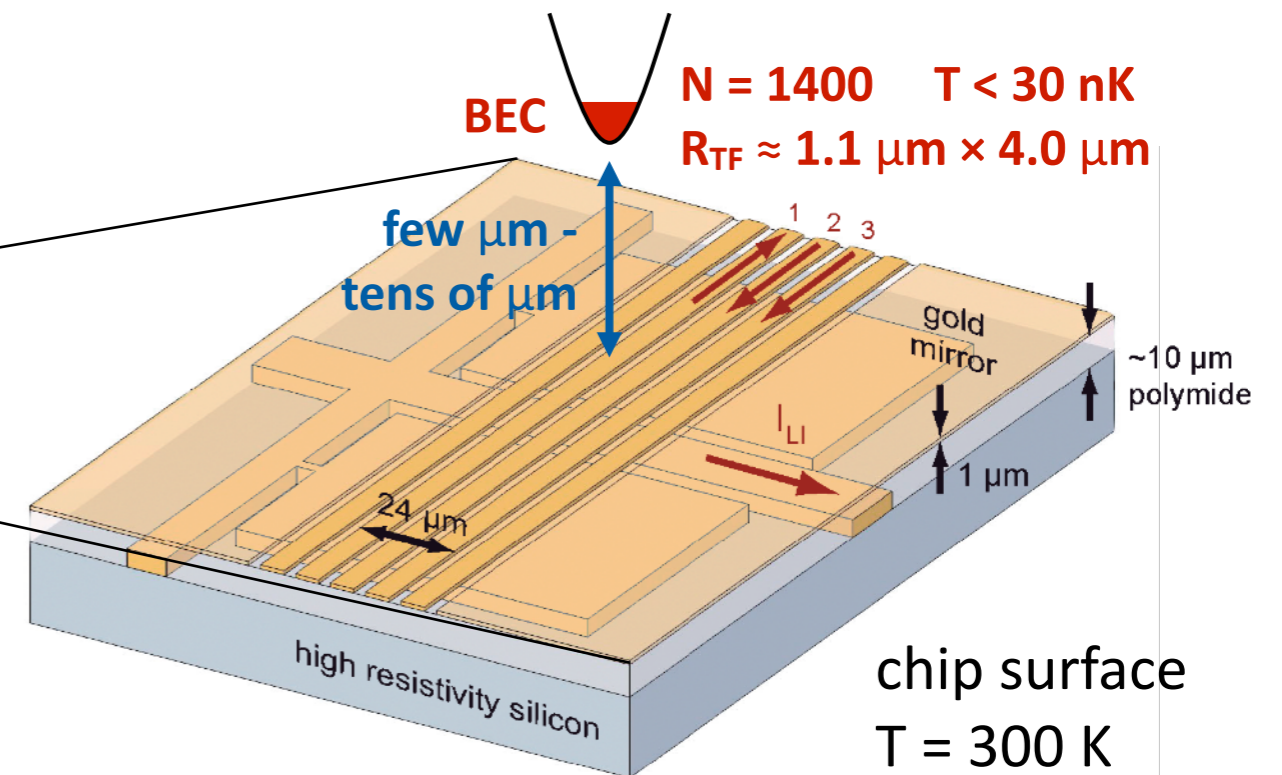
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Atom chips

Microfabricated wire pattern on a chip



Chip-based magnetic microtraps

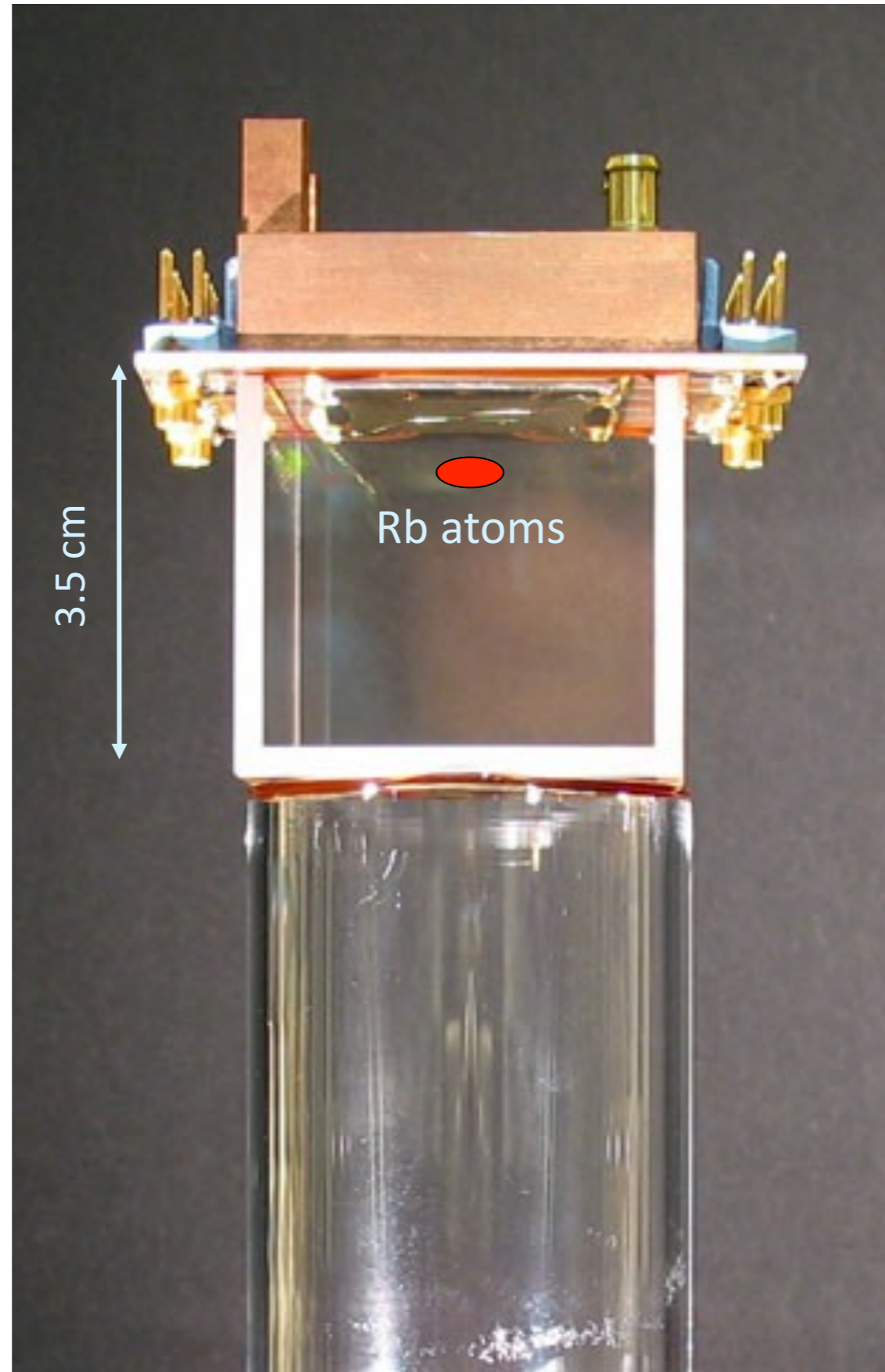


Ultracold Rubidium atoms at micrometer distance from a room-temperature chip surface

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ultra-high vacuum
 3×10^{-10} mbar

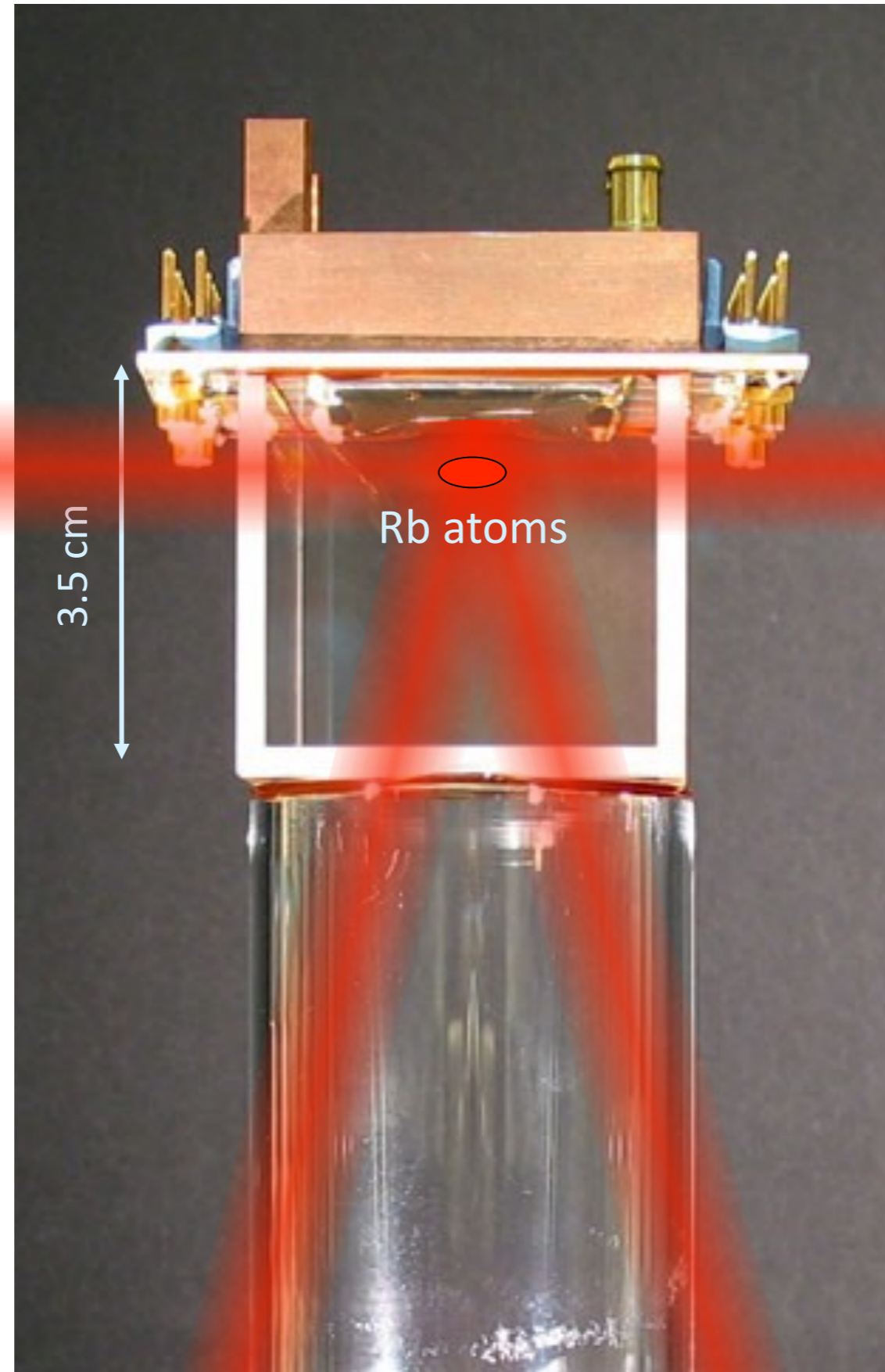


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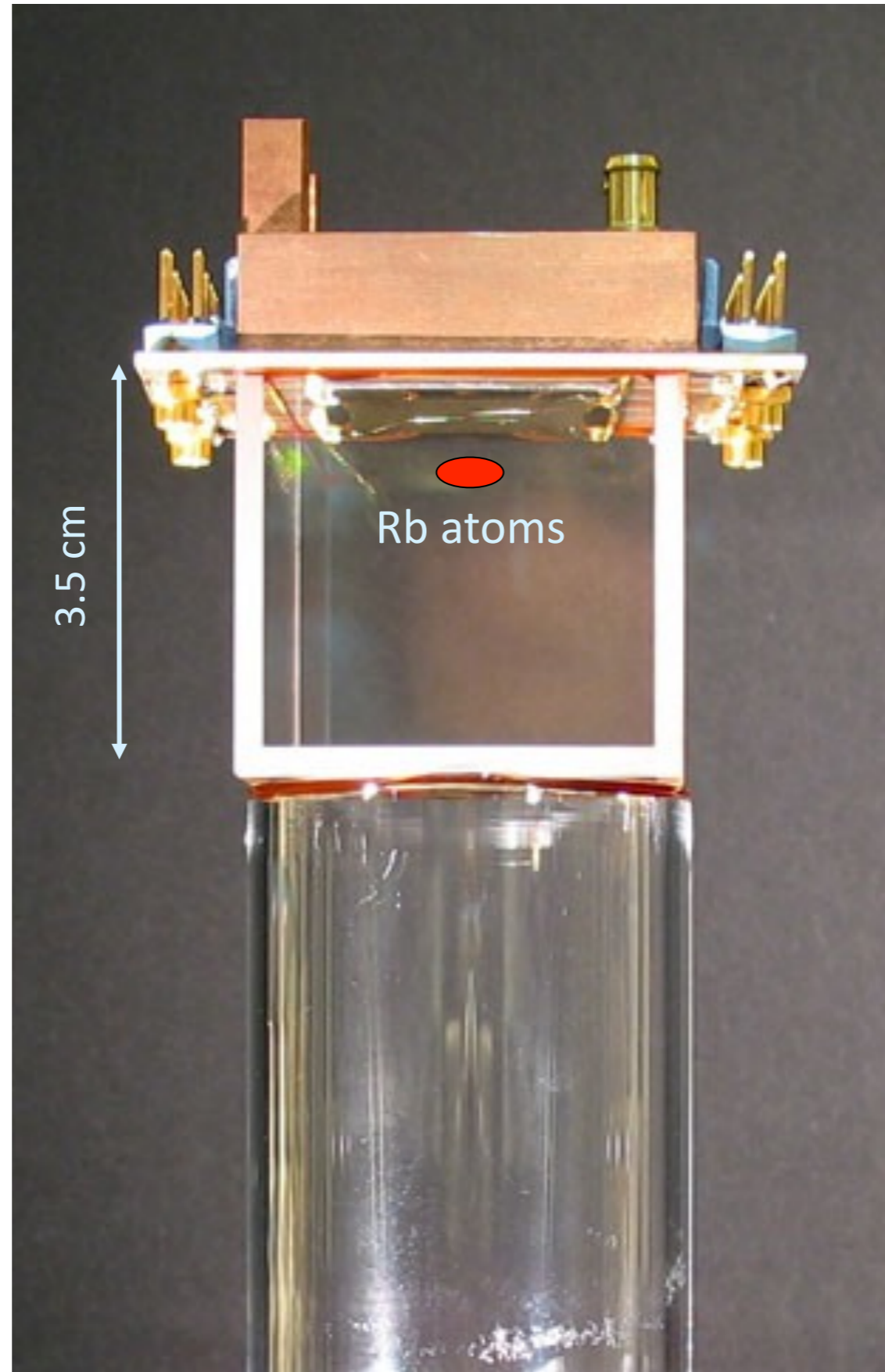
cooling laser beam

- mirror-MOT
- optical molasses
- optical pumping
- magnetic trap
- transport atoms
- evaporative cooling to Bose-Einstein condensation



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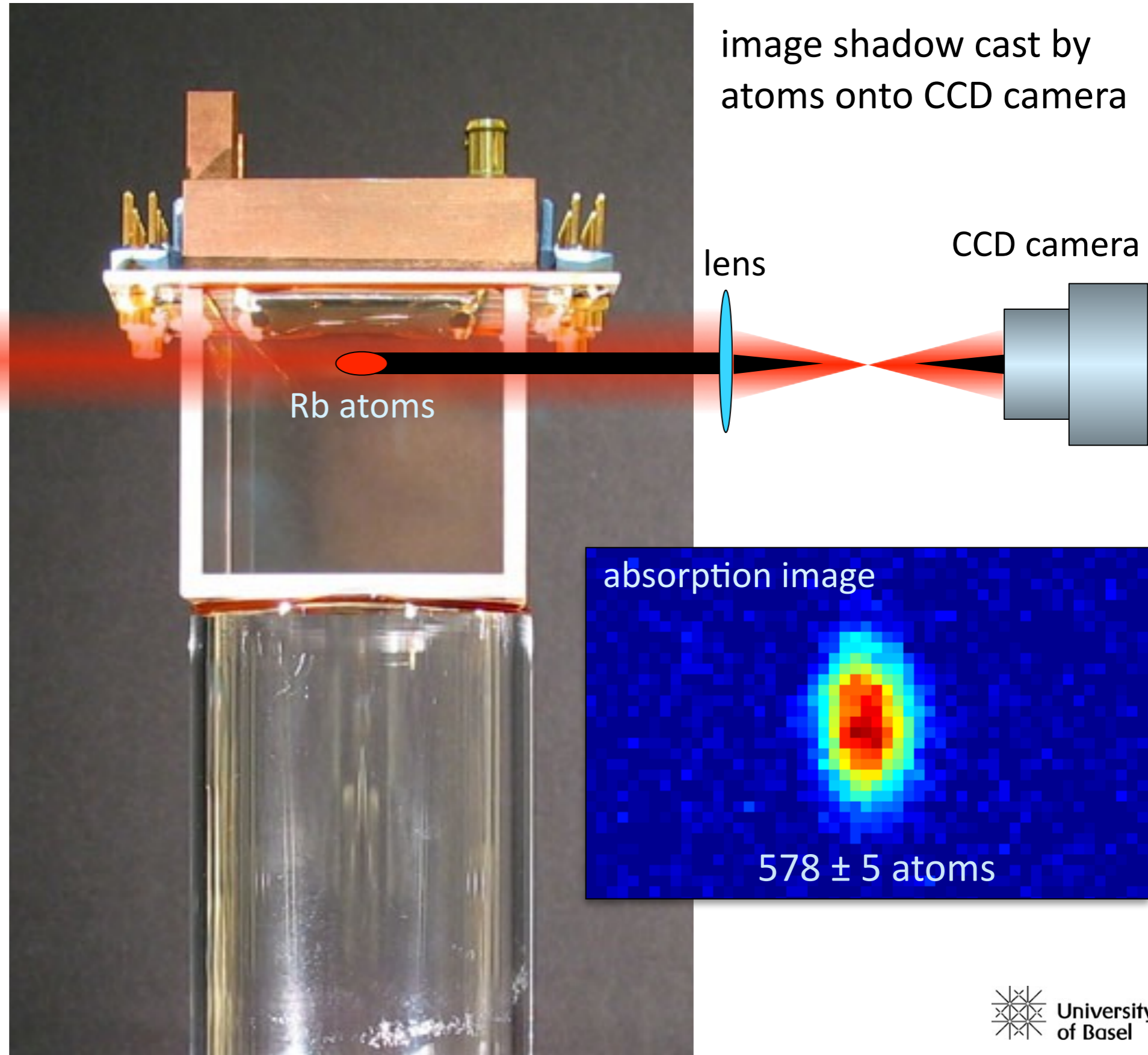
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Detection: absorption imaging

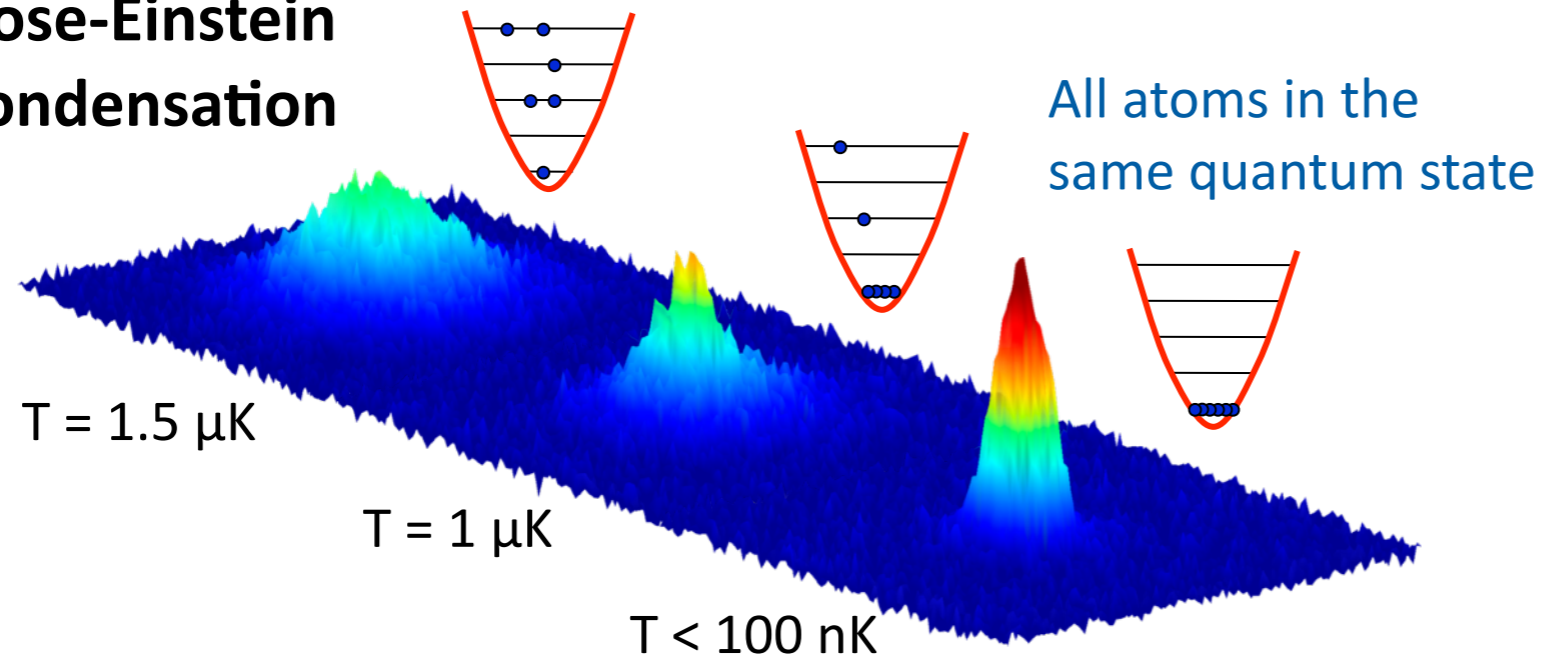
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detection beam



Two-component BEC of ^{87}Rb atoms

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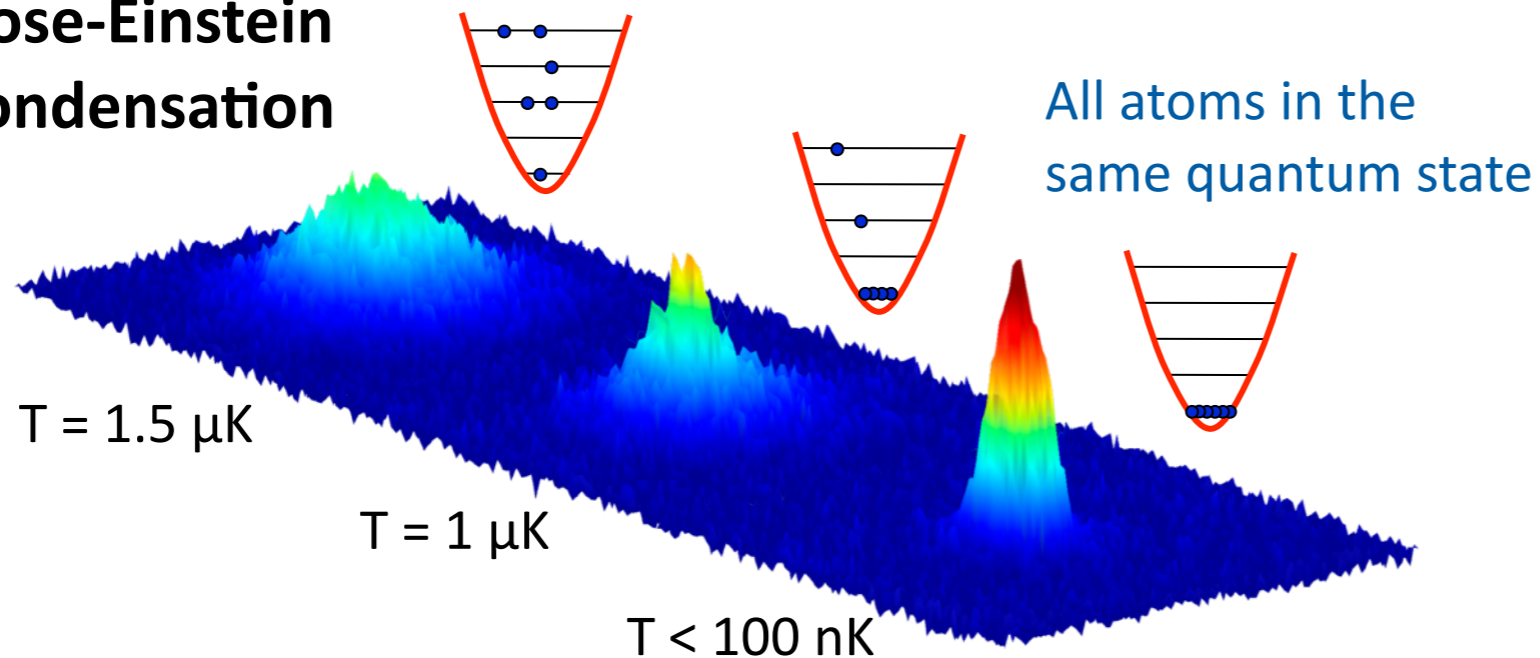


Quantum control of

- **internal state**
- **motion**
- **collisions**

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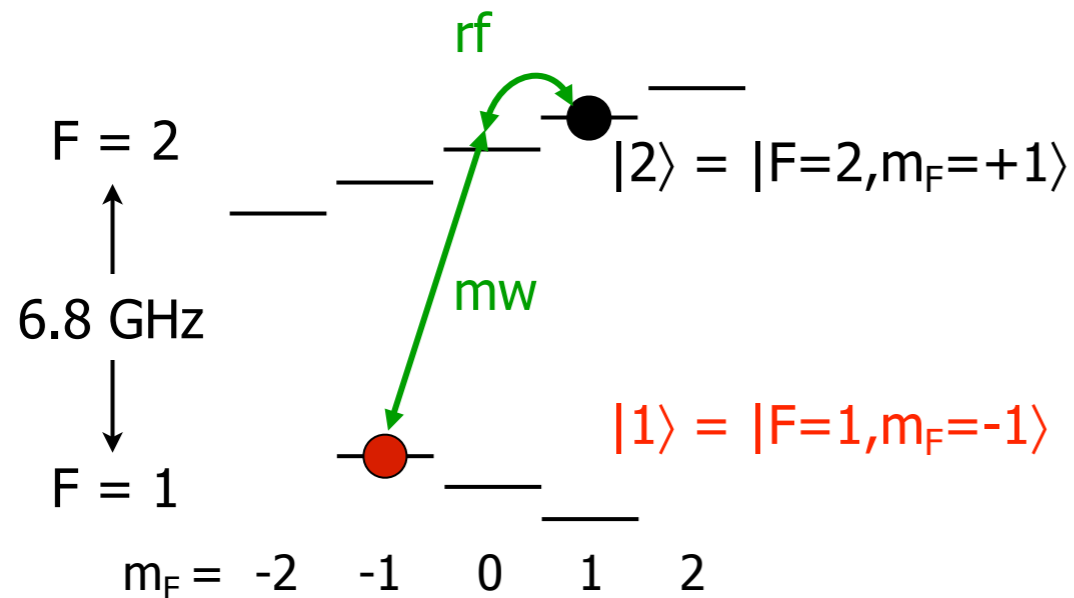
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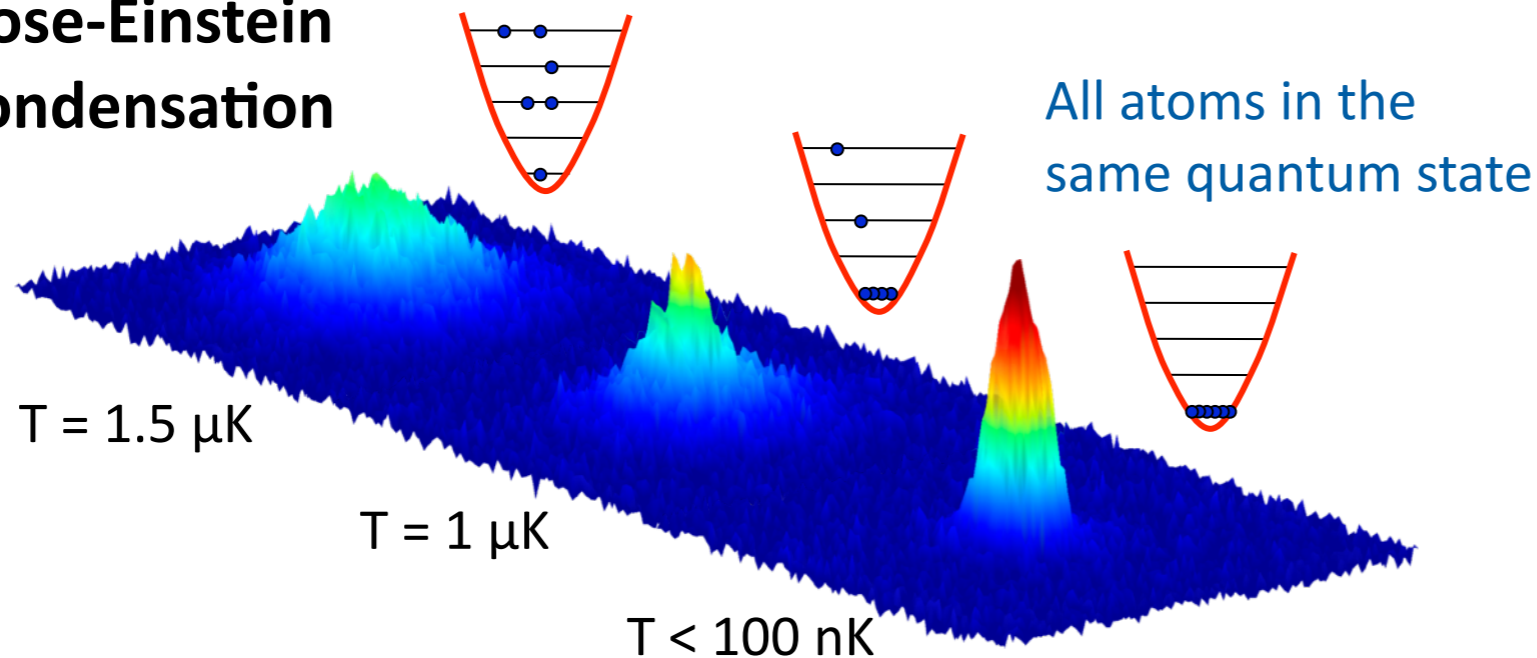
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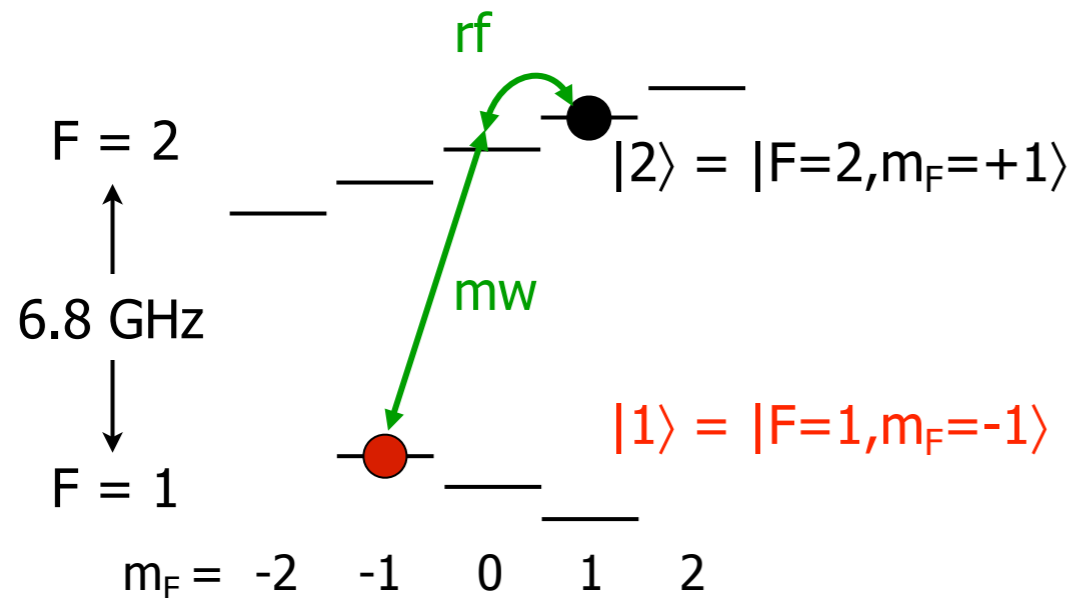
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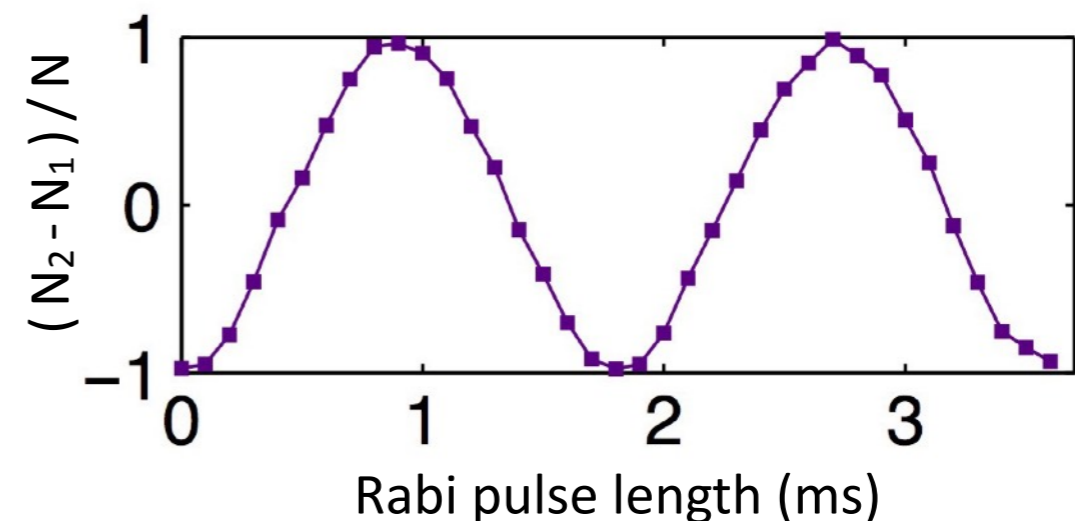
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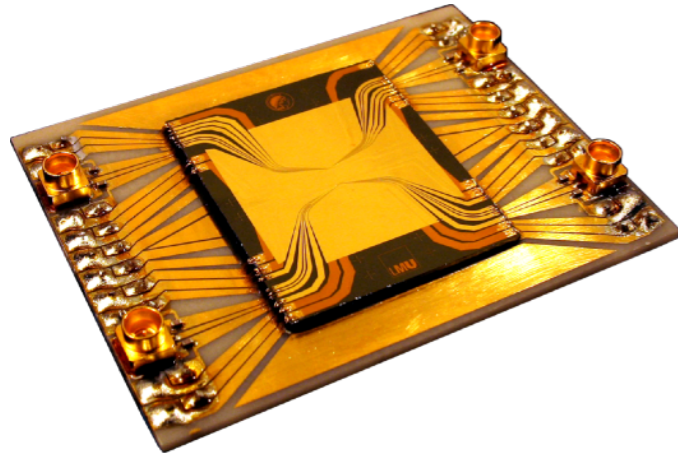


Rabi oscillations

fidelity of $\pi/2$ -pulse: $(99.74 \pm 0.04) \%$

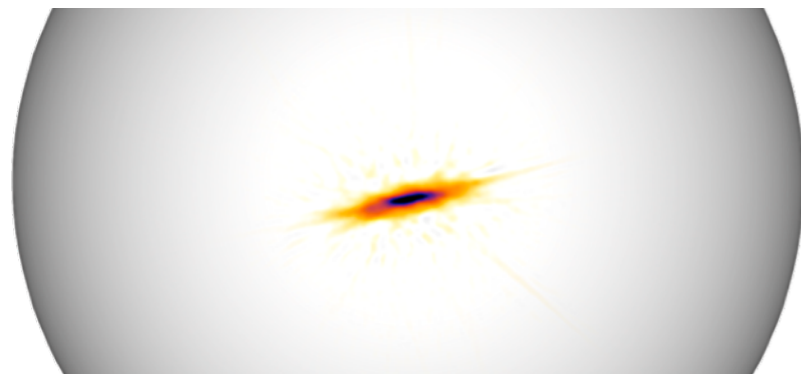


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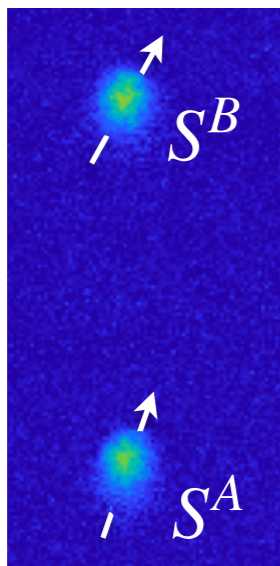
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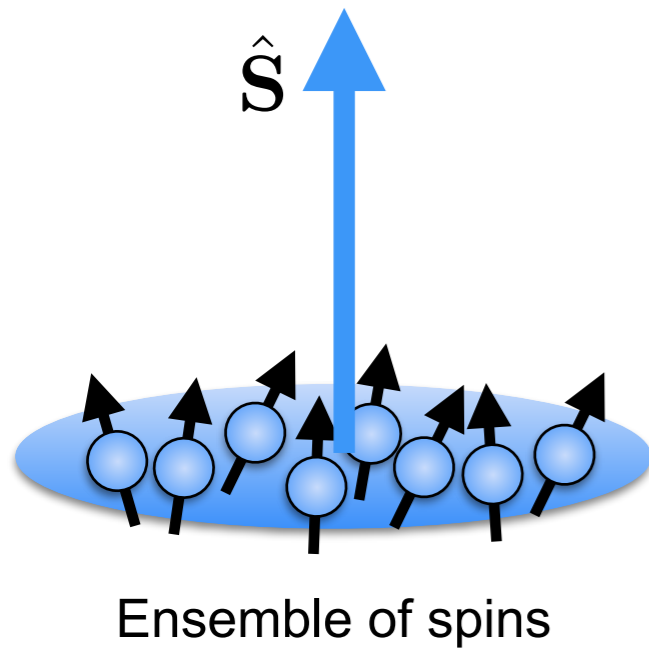


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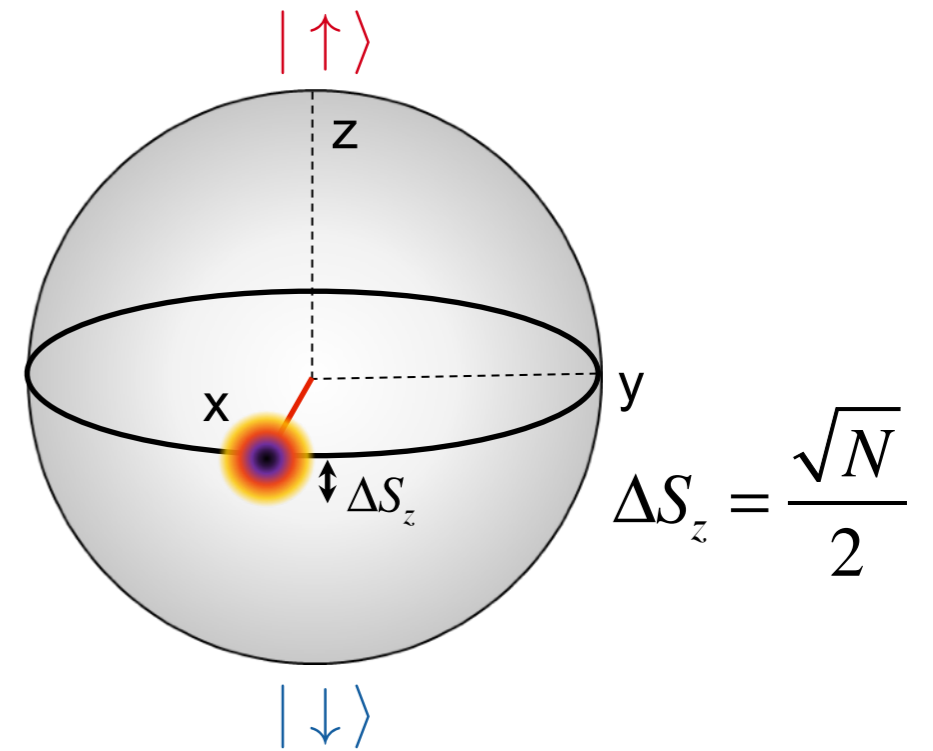
Spin-squeezing through atomic interactions



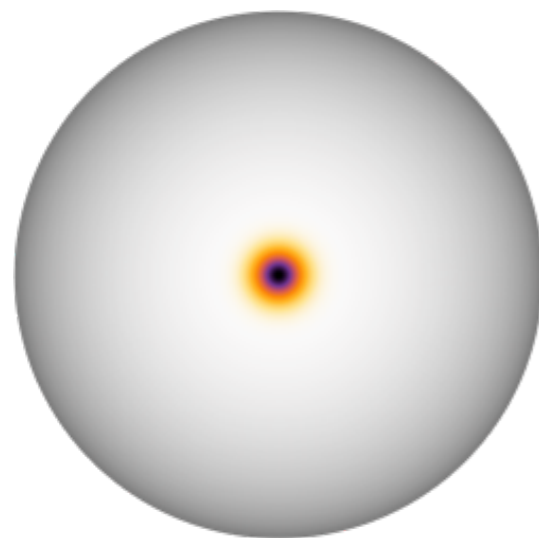
Collective spin

$$\hat{S} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{s}_i, \quad S = \frac{N}{2}$$

$$\hat{S}_z = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{N}_\uparrow - \hat{N}_\downarrow)$$



Atomic collisions create spin-squeezing

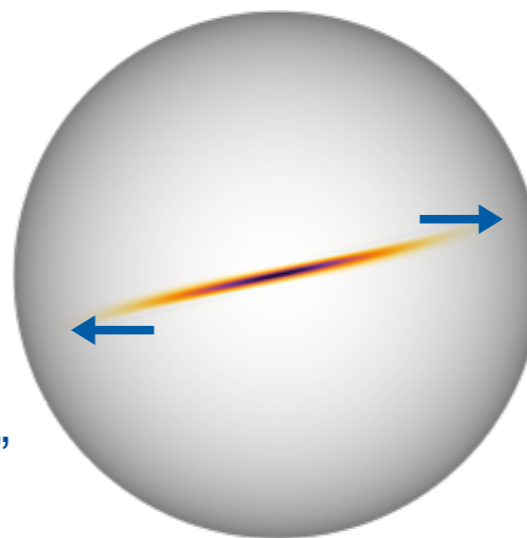


coherent spin state

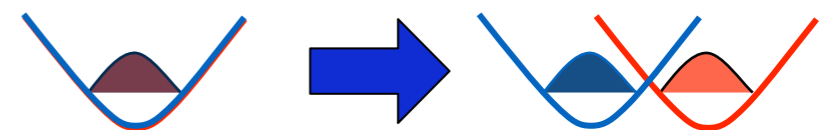
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \chi \hat{S}_z^2$$



time evolution
"one-axis twisting"



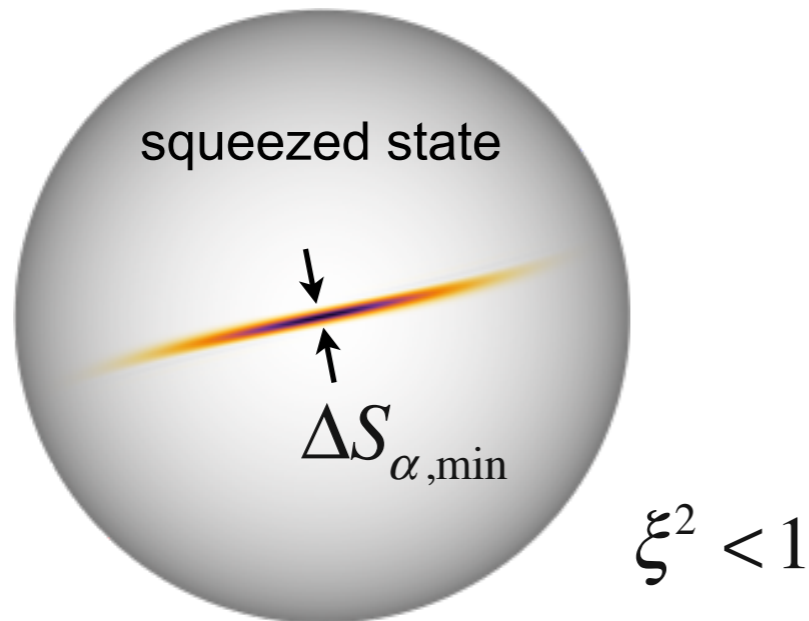
squeezed spin state



interaction tuning by
state dependent potentials

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Tomography of spin-squeezed state

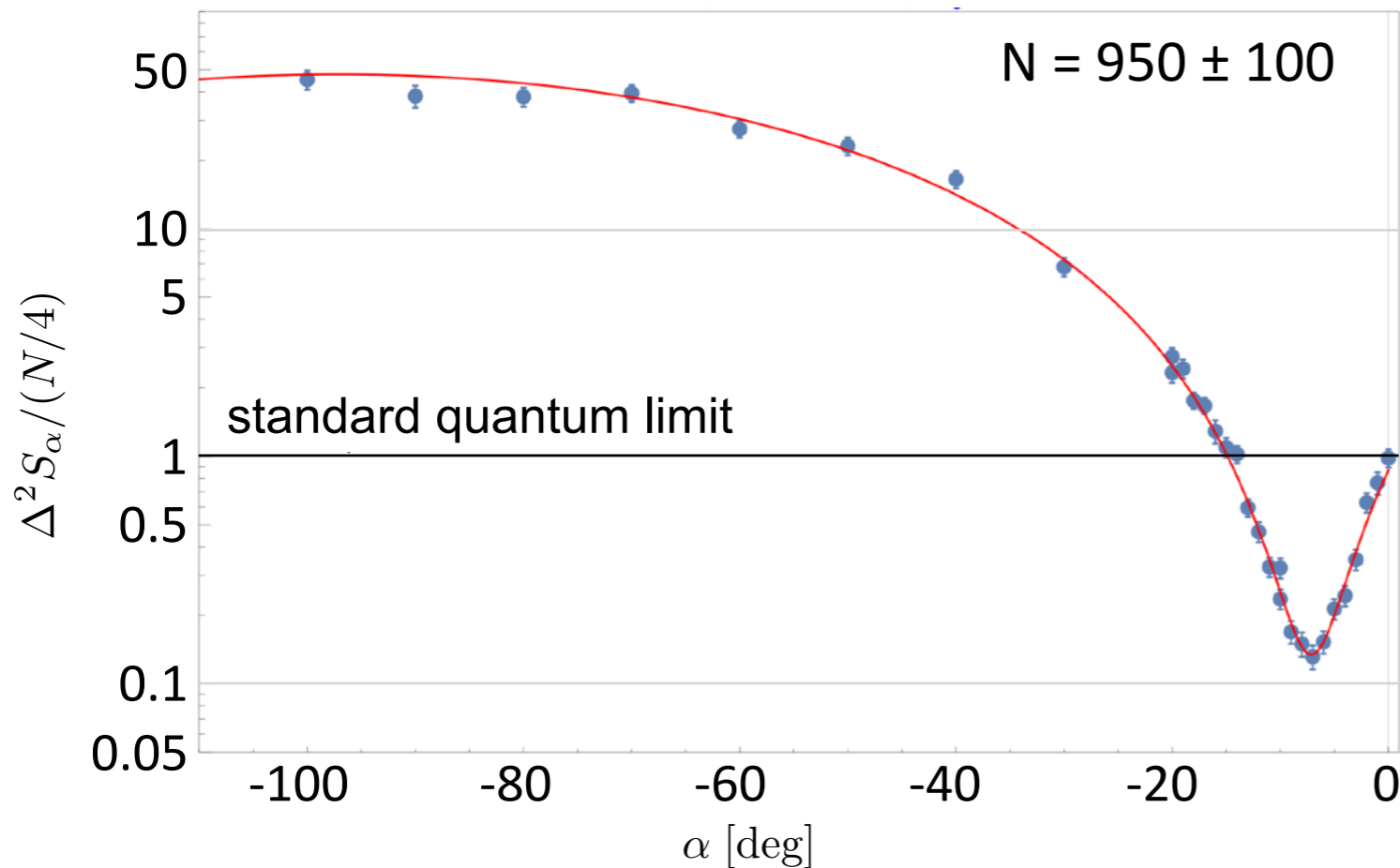


Spin-squeezing parameter

$$\xi^2 \equiv \frac{N (\Delta S_{\alpha, \min})^2}{\langle S_x \rangle^2}$$

entanglement witness

Kitagawa & Ueda PRA 47, 5138, 1993
 Wineland et al. PRA 50, 67, 1994
 Sørensen et al. Nature 409, 63–66, 2001

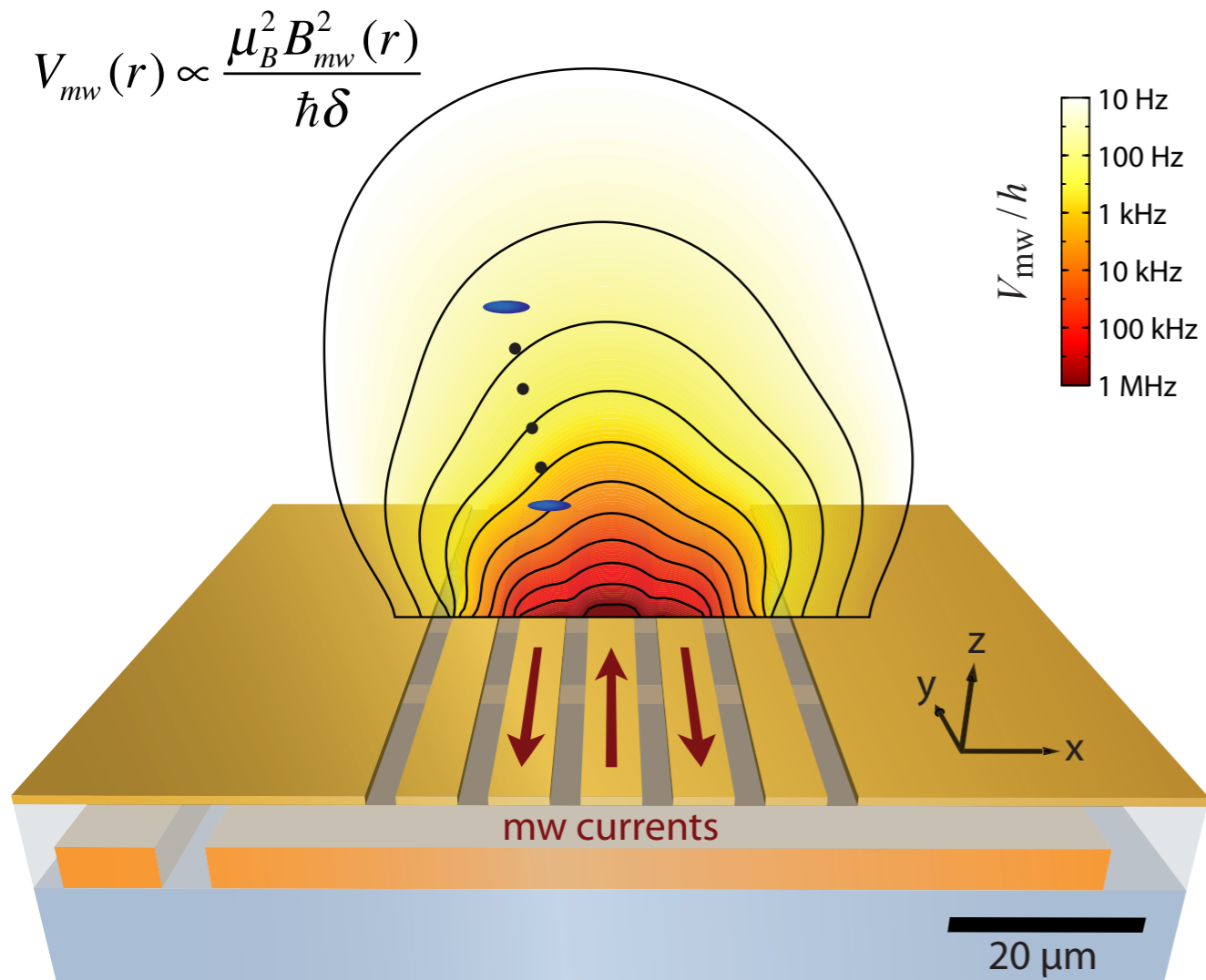


$$\xi^2 = -8.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ dB}$$

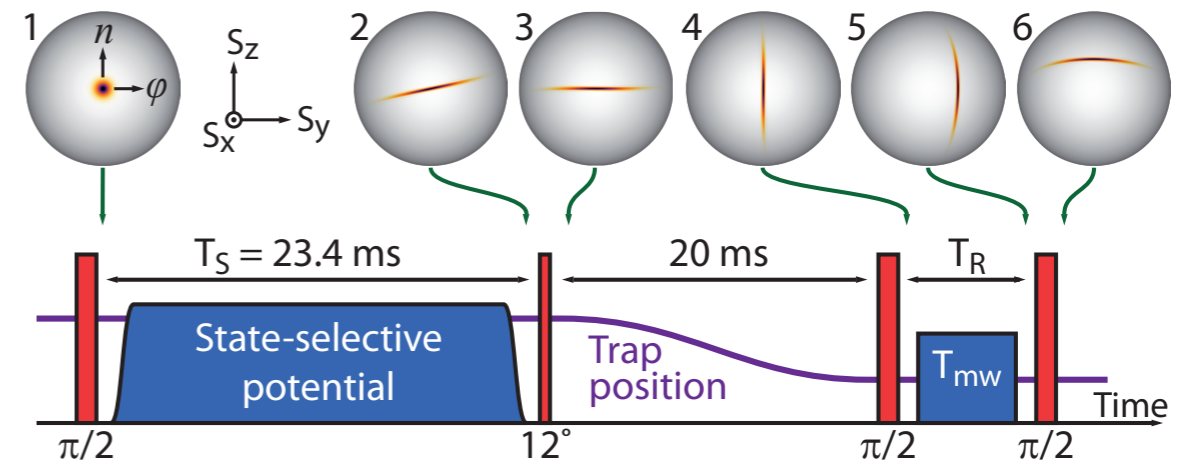
\Rightarrow entanglement

(Noise reduced by -8.7 ± 0.5 dB,
 contrast $C = 94.9\%$)

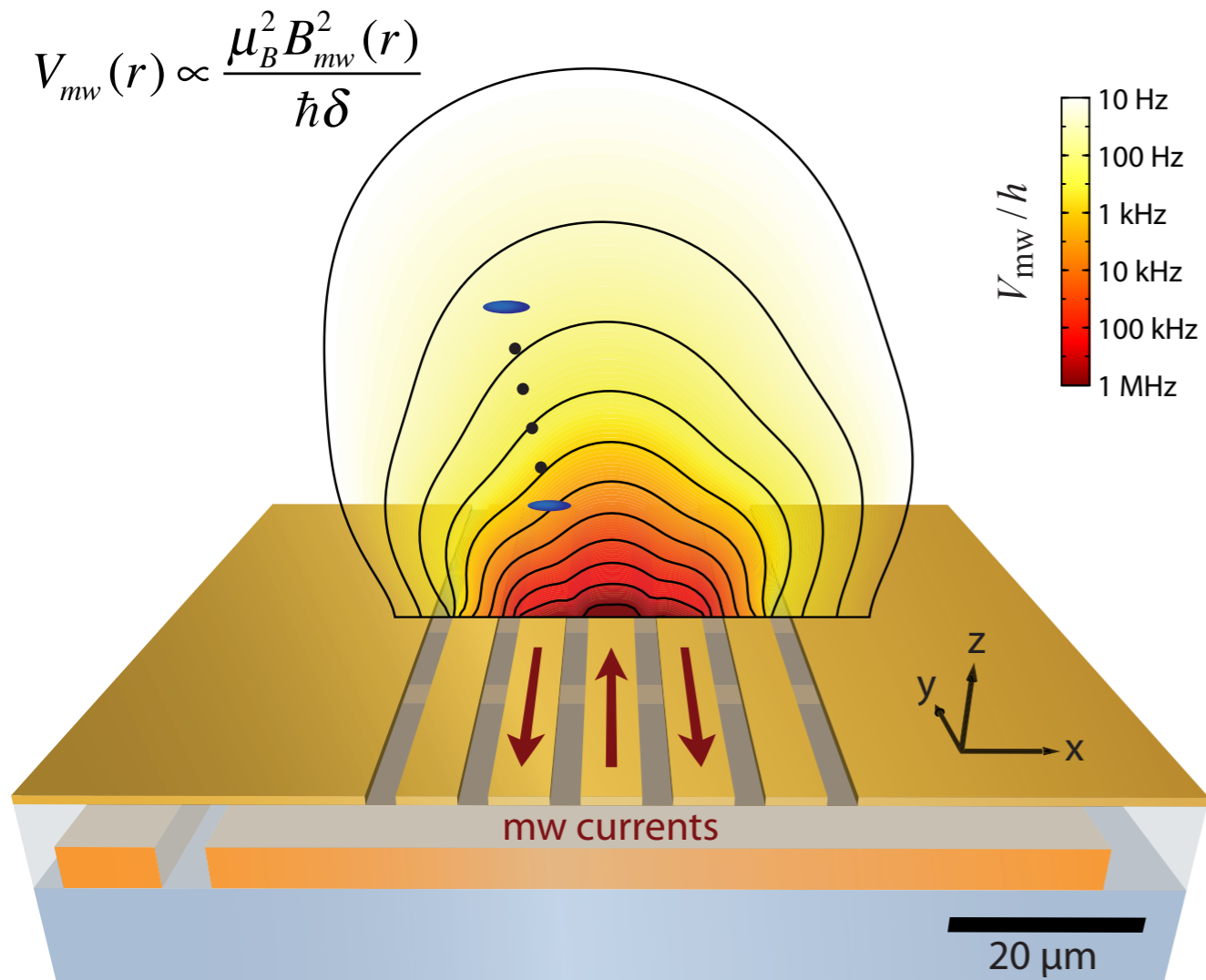
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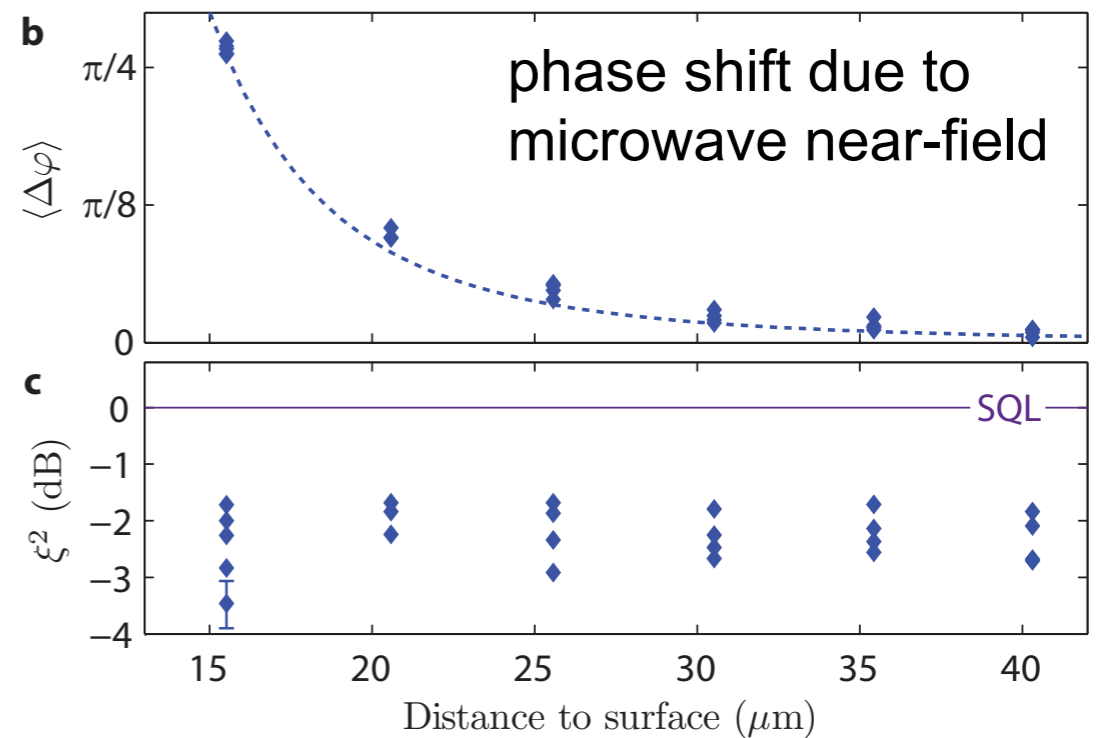
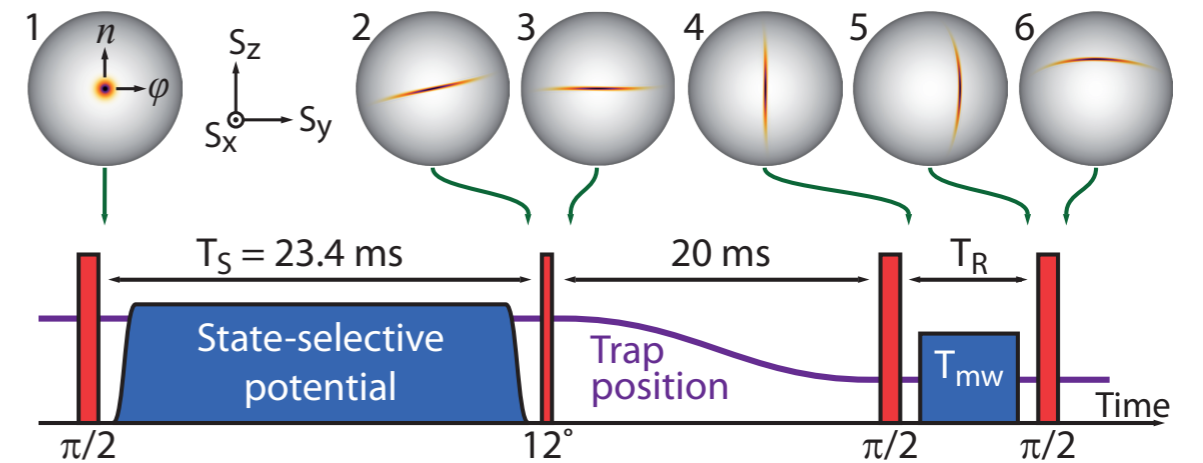
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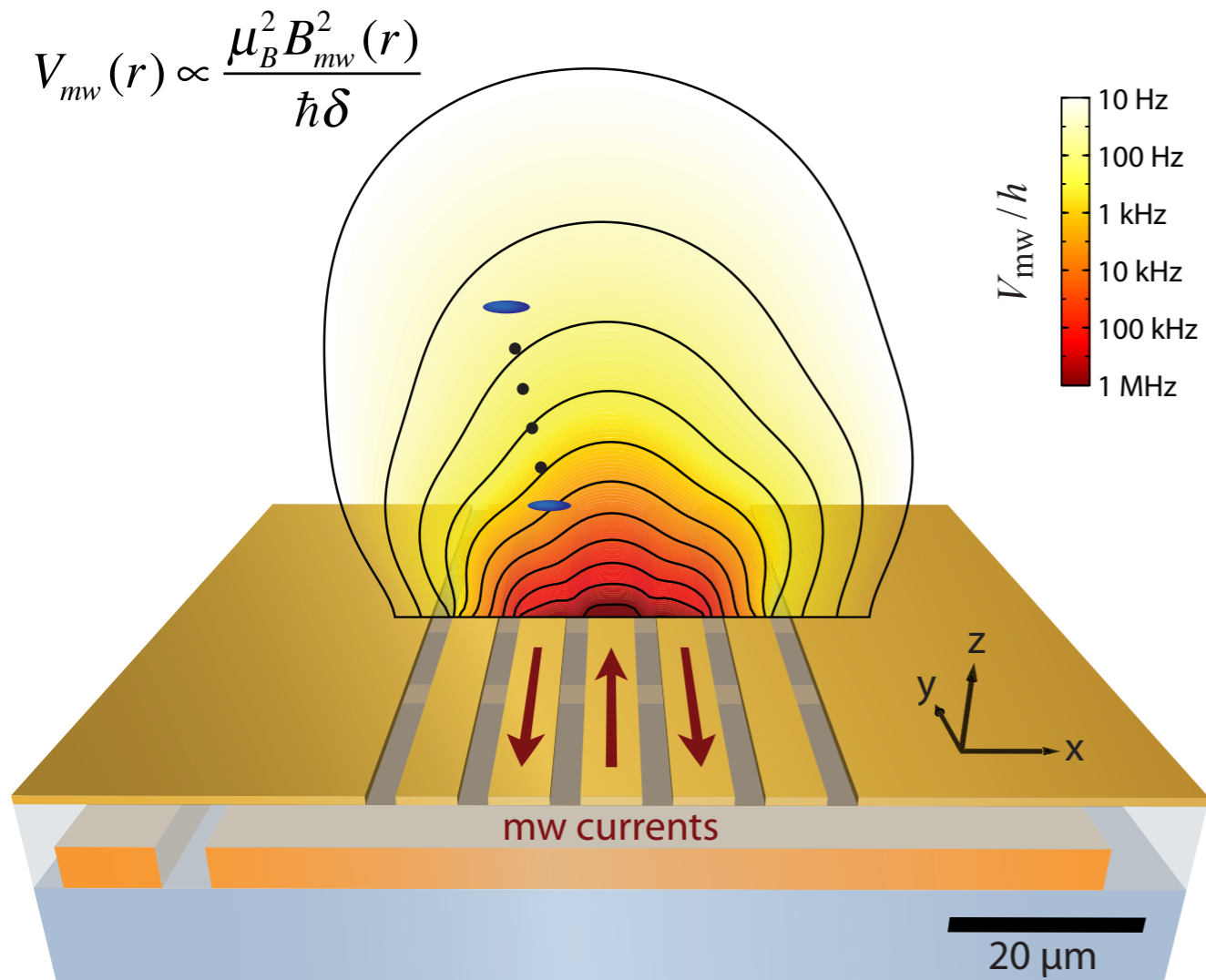
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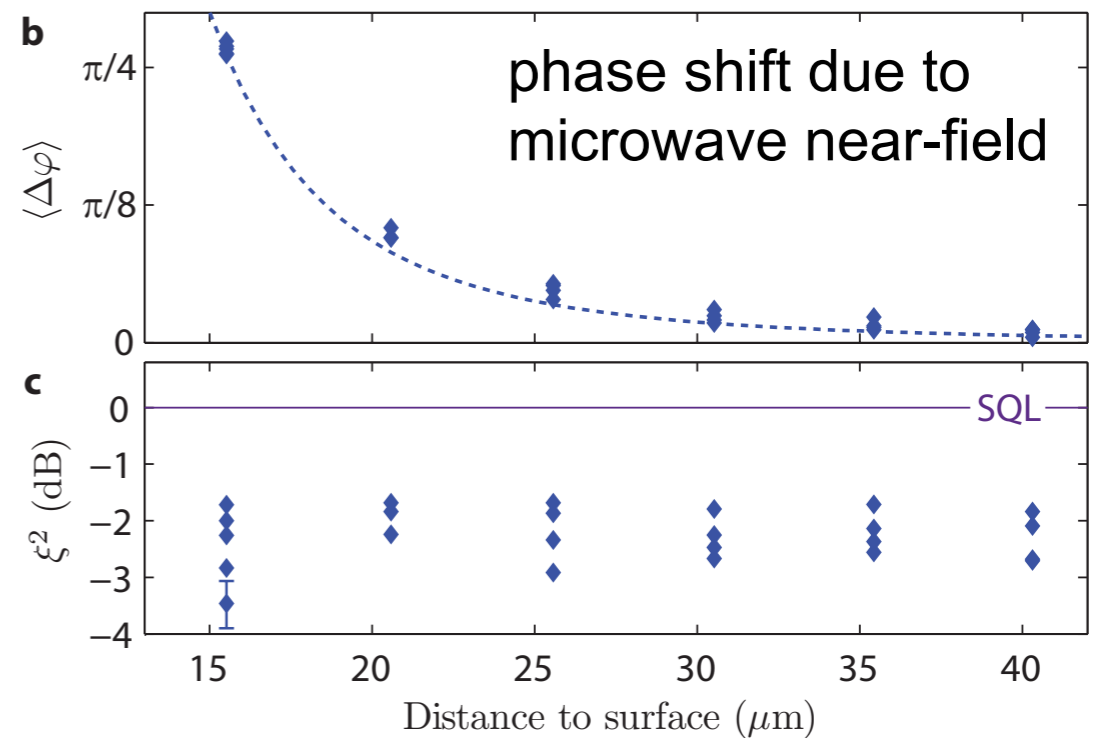
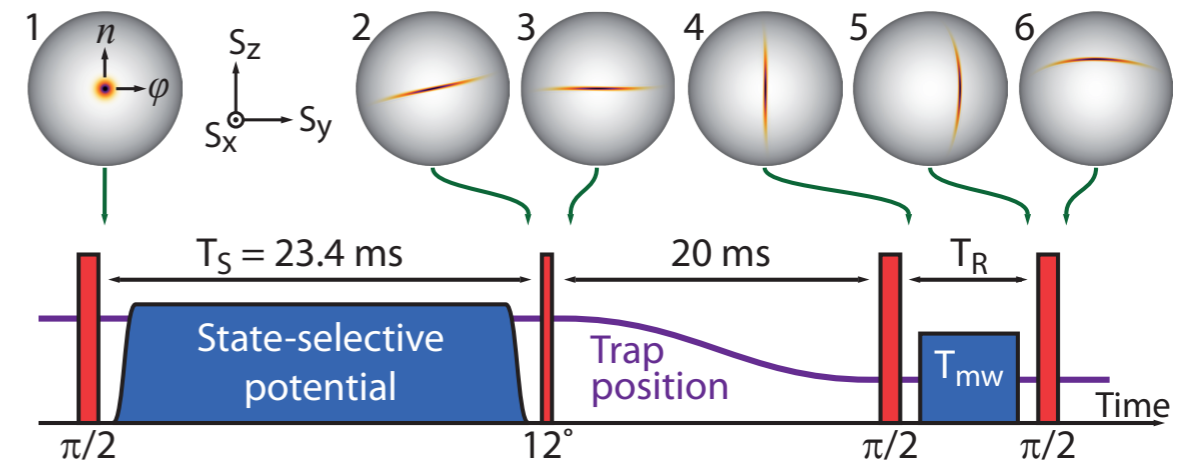


Sensitivity:

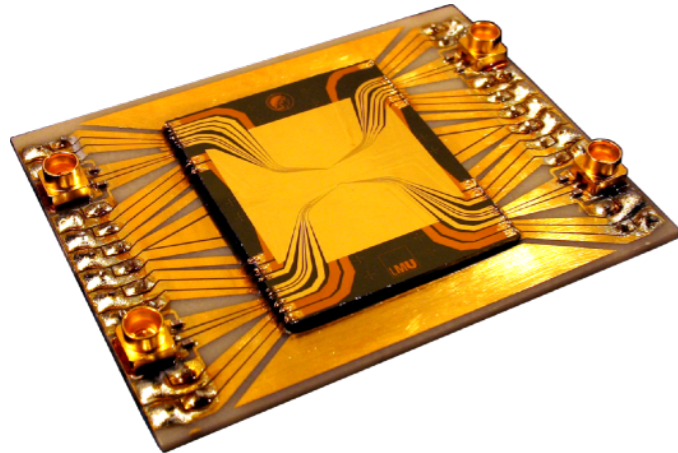
$\delta B_{mw} = 77 \text{ pT @ } 1 \text{ s}$
(near-resonant mw field)

Probe volume: $20 \mu\text{m}^3$

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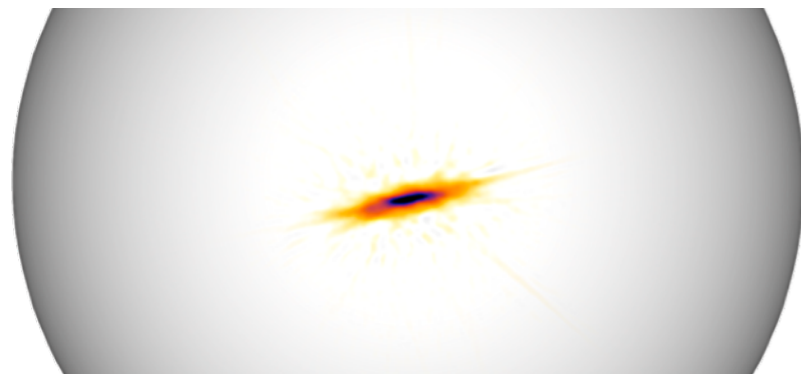


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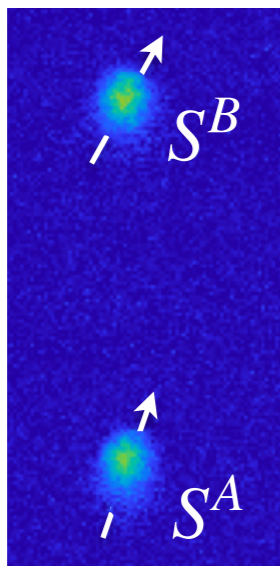
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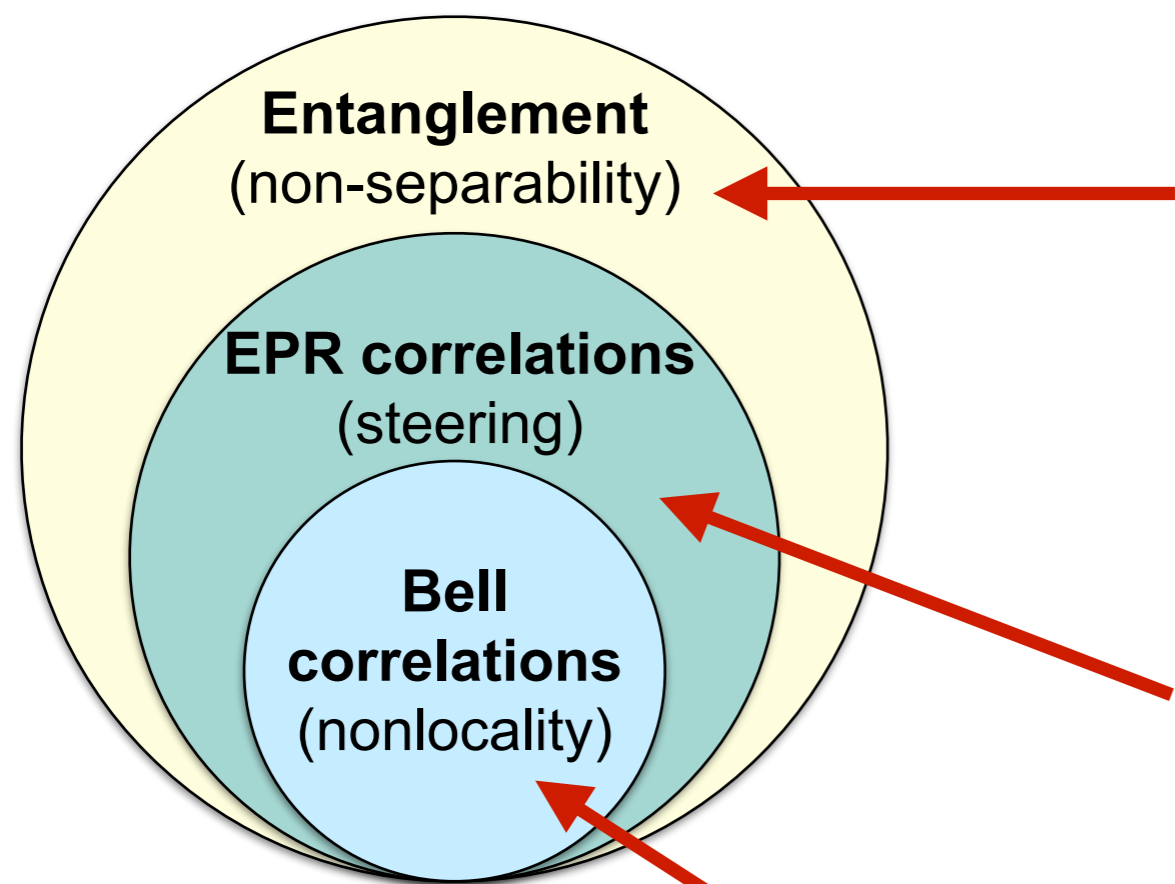


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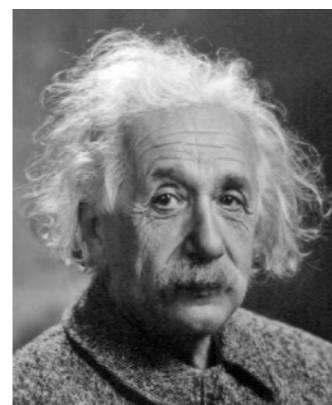
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Hierarchy of non-classical correlations



Mathematical Proceedings of
the Cambridge Philosophical
Society 31, 555 (1935)

Erwin Schrödinger



Albert Einstein



Boris Podolsky



Nathan Rosen

Physical Review 47, 777 (1935)

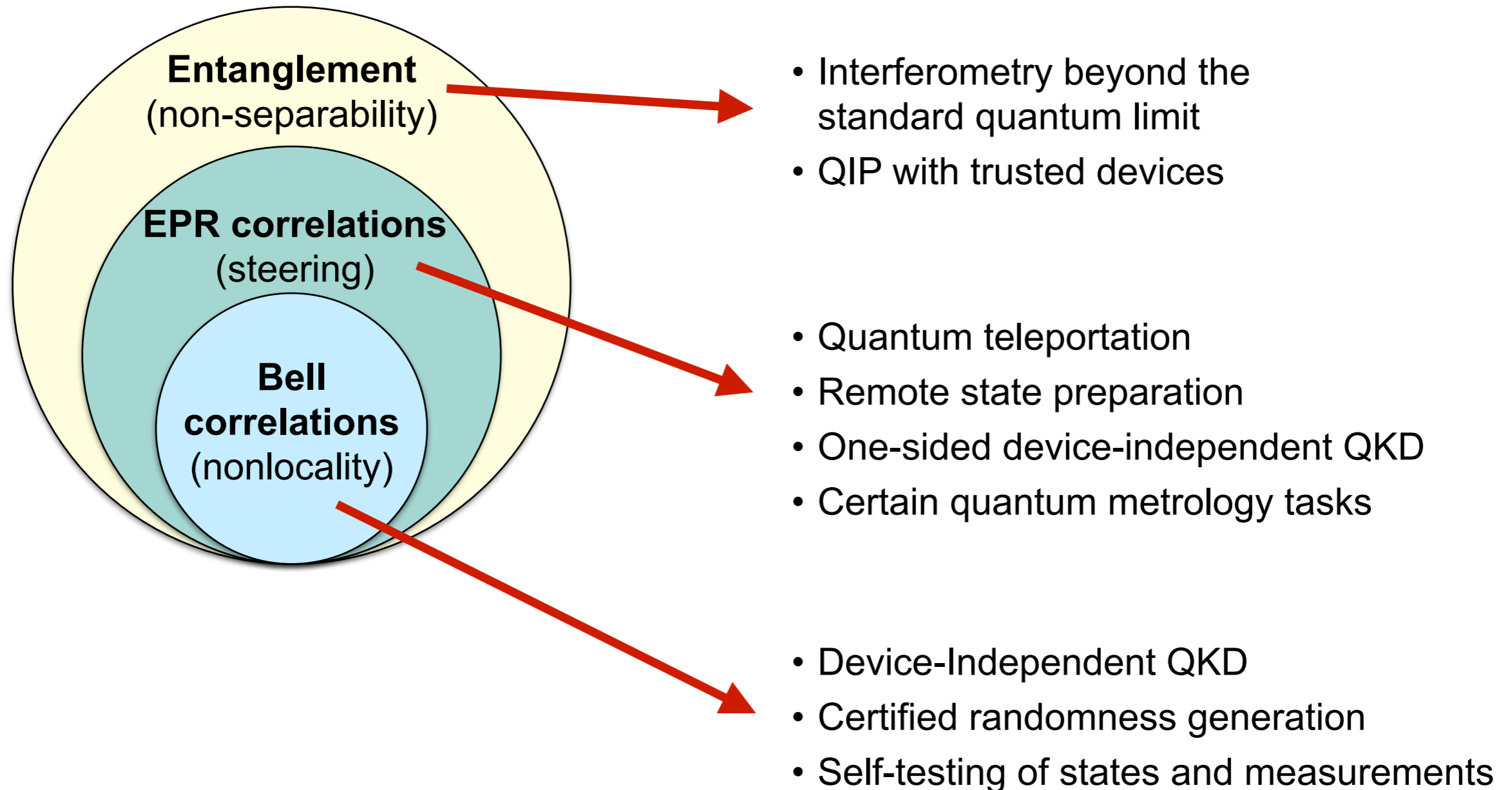


John Stewart Bell

Physics 1, 195 (1964)

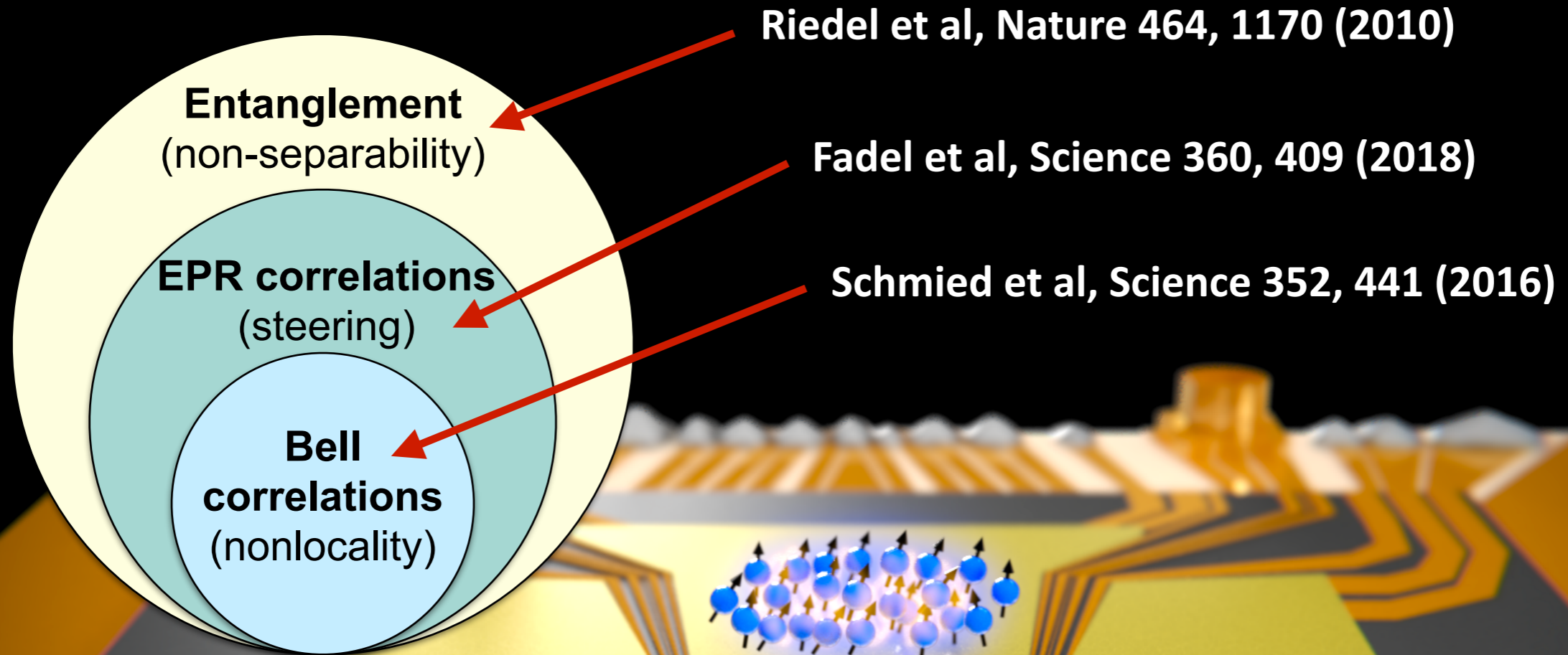
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Correlations as a resource for quantum technology



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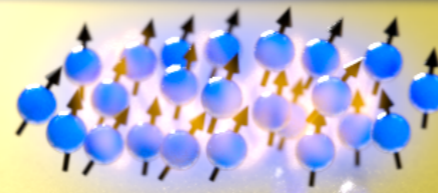
Non-classical correlations in many-body systems



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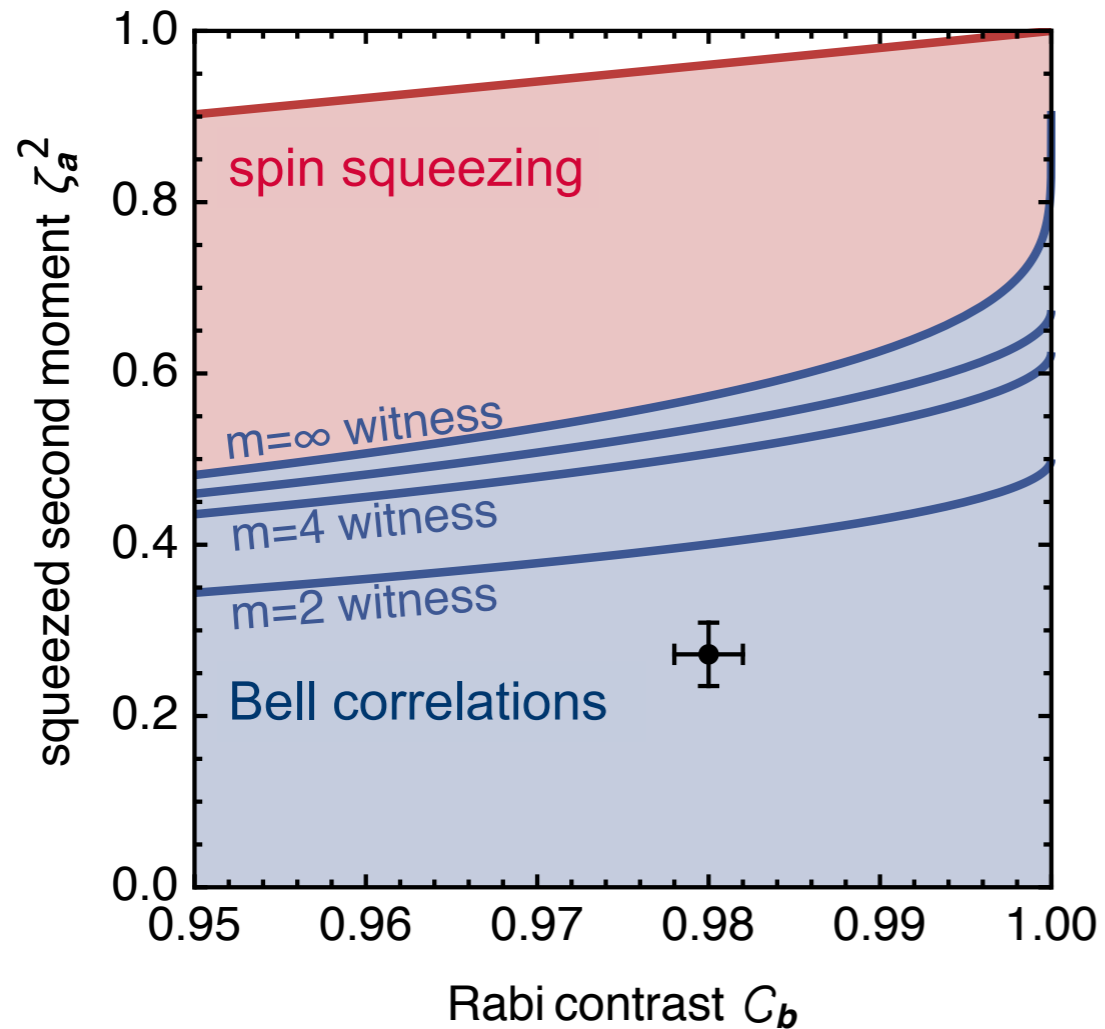
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Atoms in spin-squeezed state

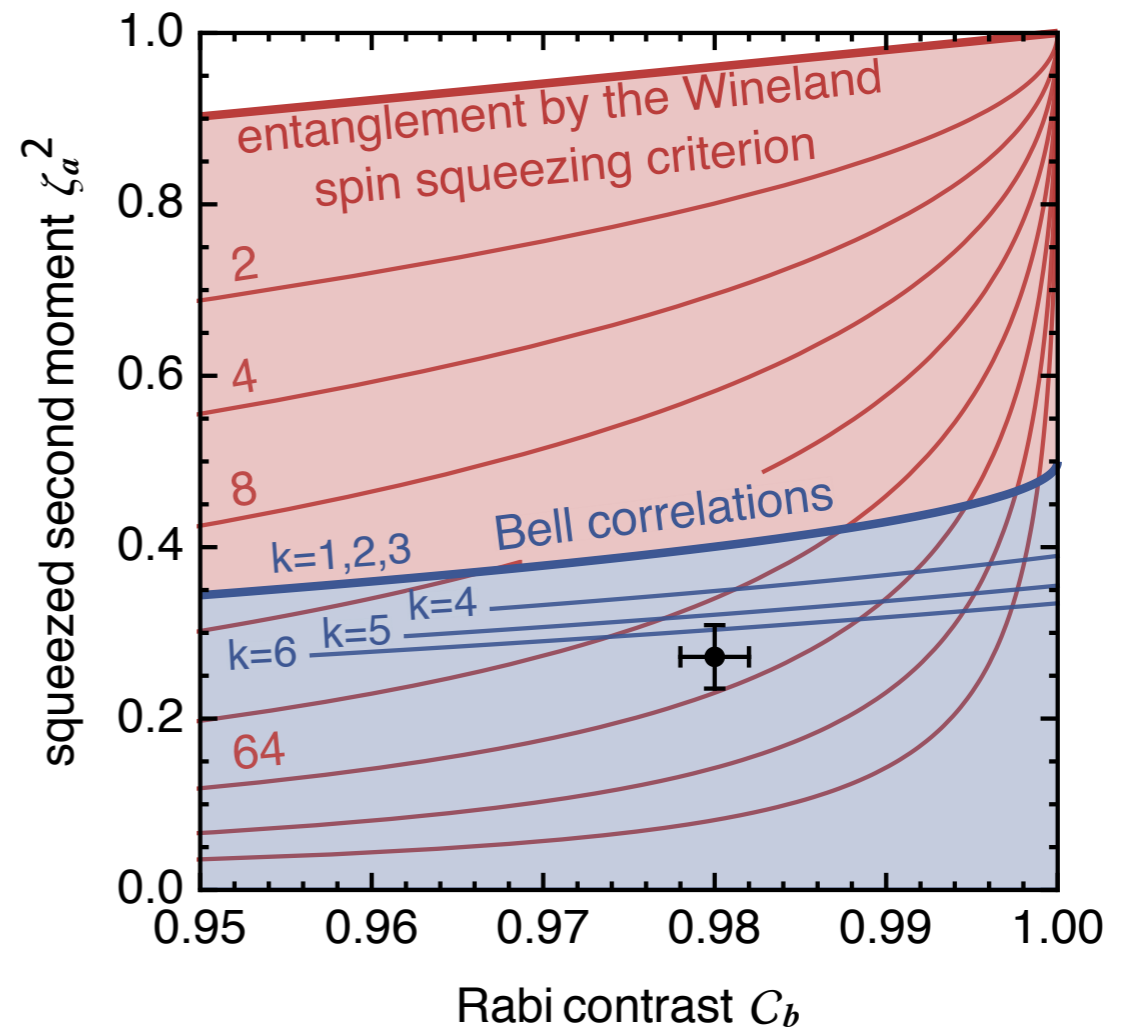
Multi-partite Bell correlations



Bell witness derived from Bell inequality with m measurement settings and taking $m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\zeta_a^2 \geq 1 - \frac{C_b}{\operatorname{arctanh}[C_b]}$$

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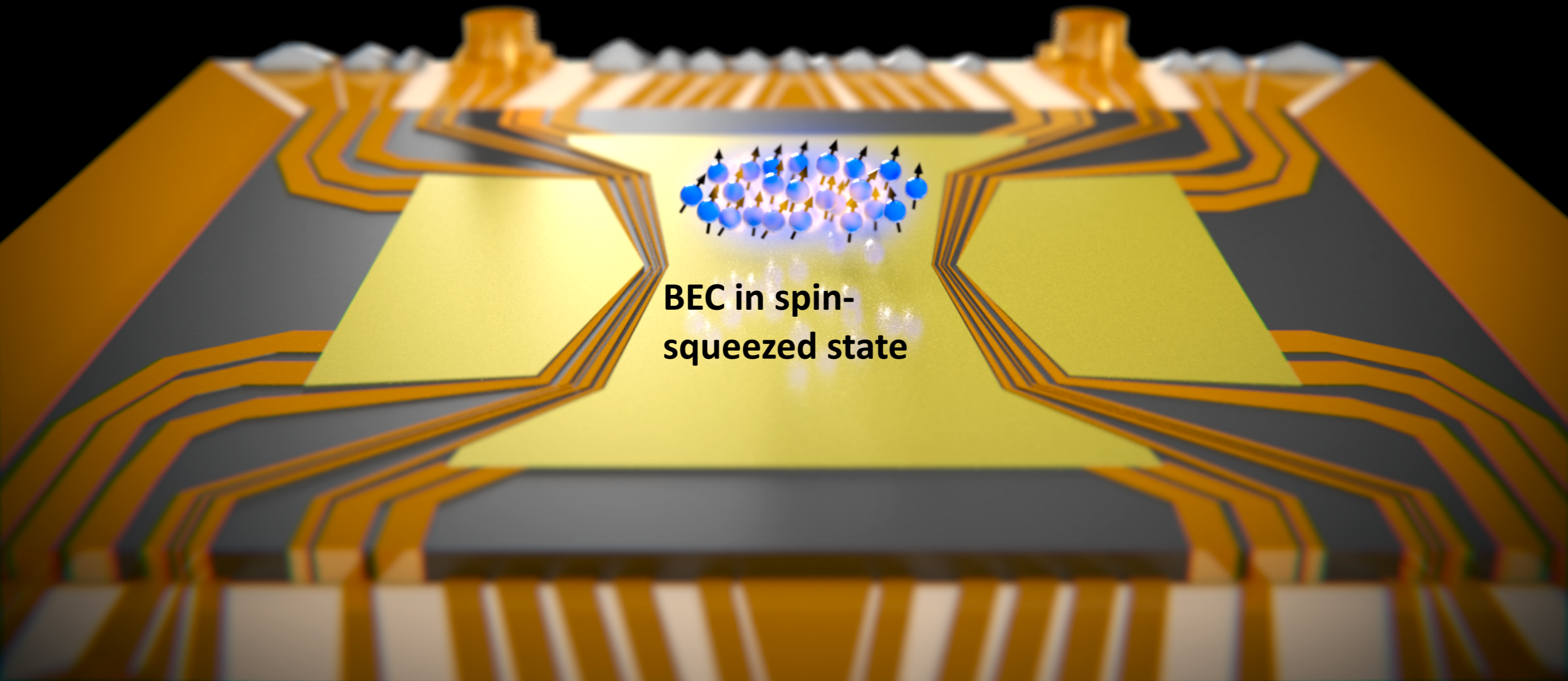


Genuine multi-partite Bell correlations!

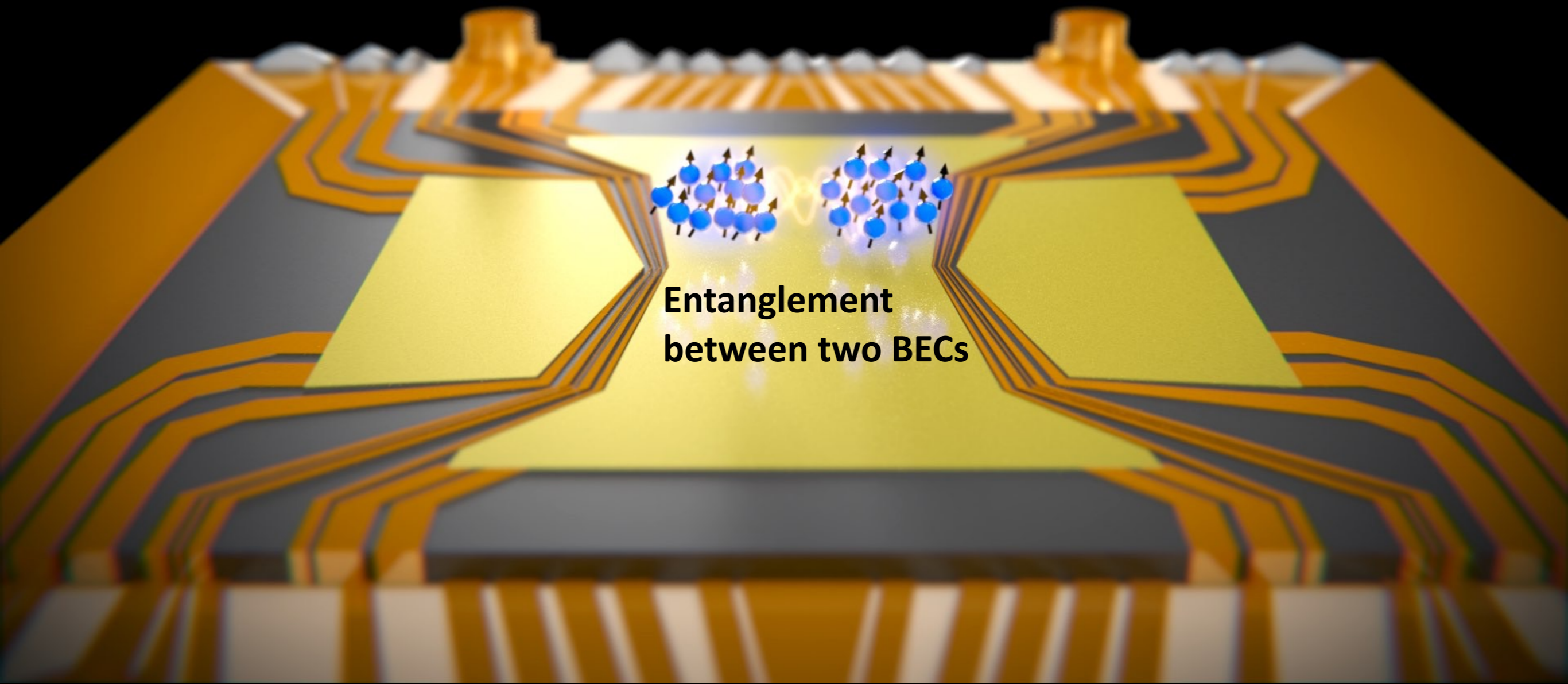
Based on k -partite Bell inequalities with up to 2nd order correlators

Baccari et al, PRA 100, 022121 (2019)

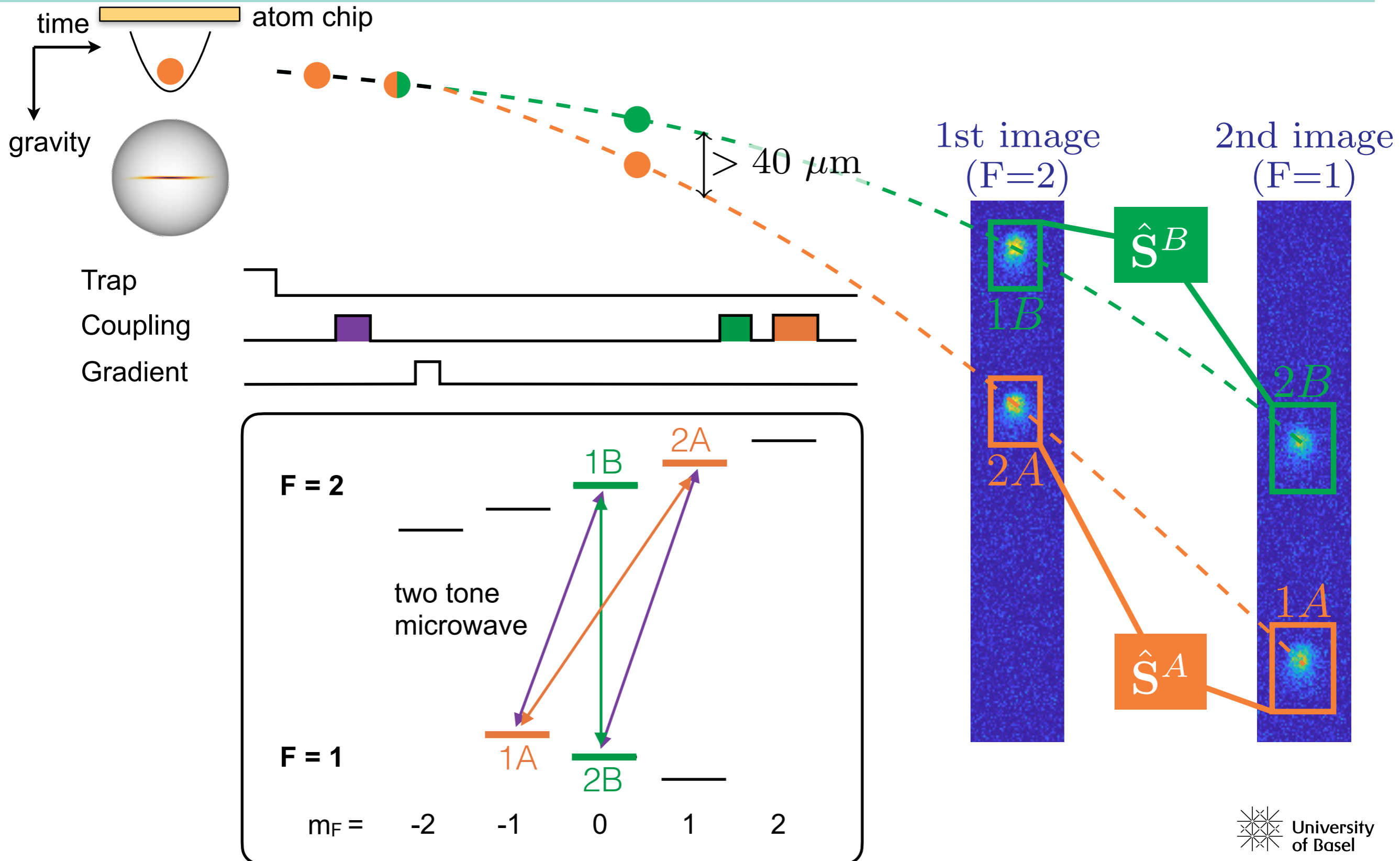
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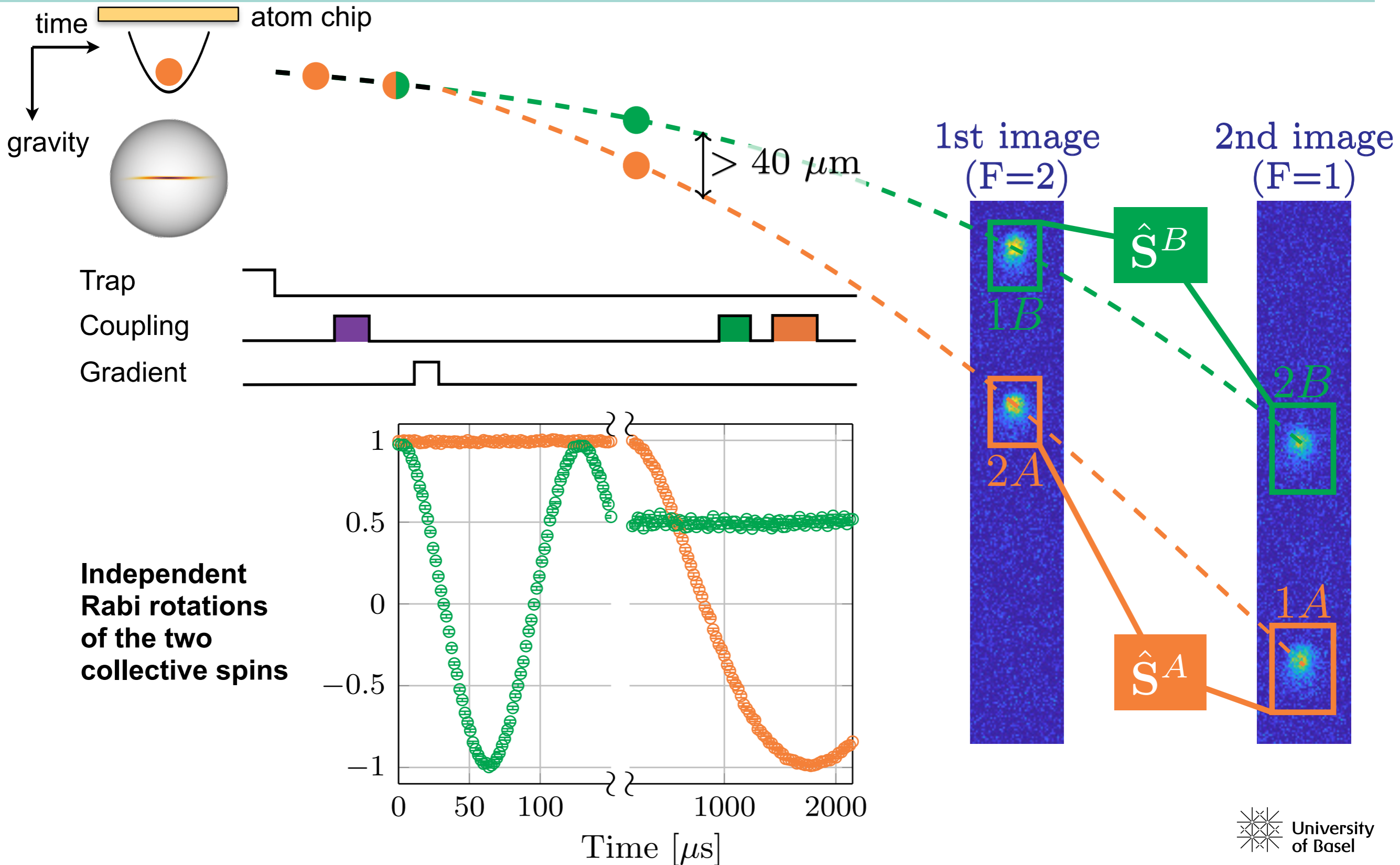
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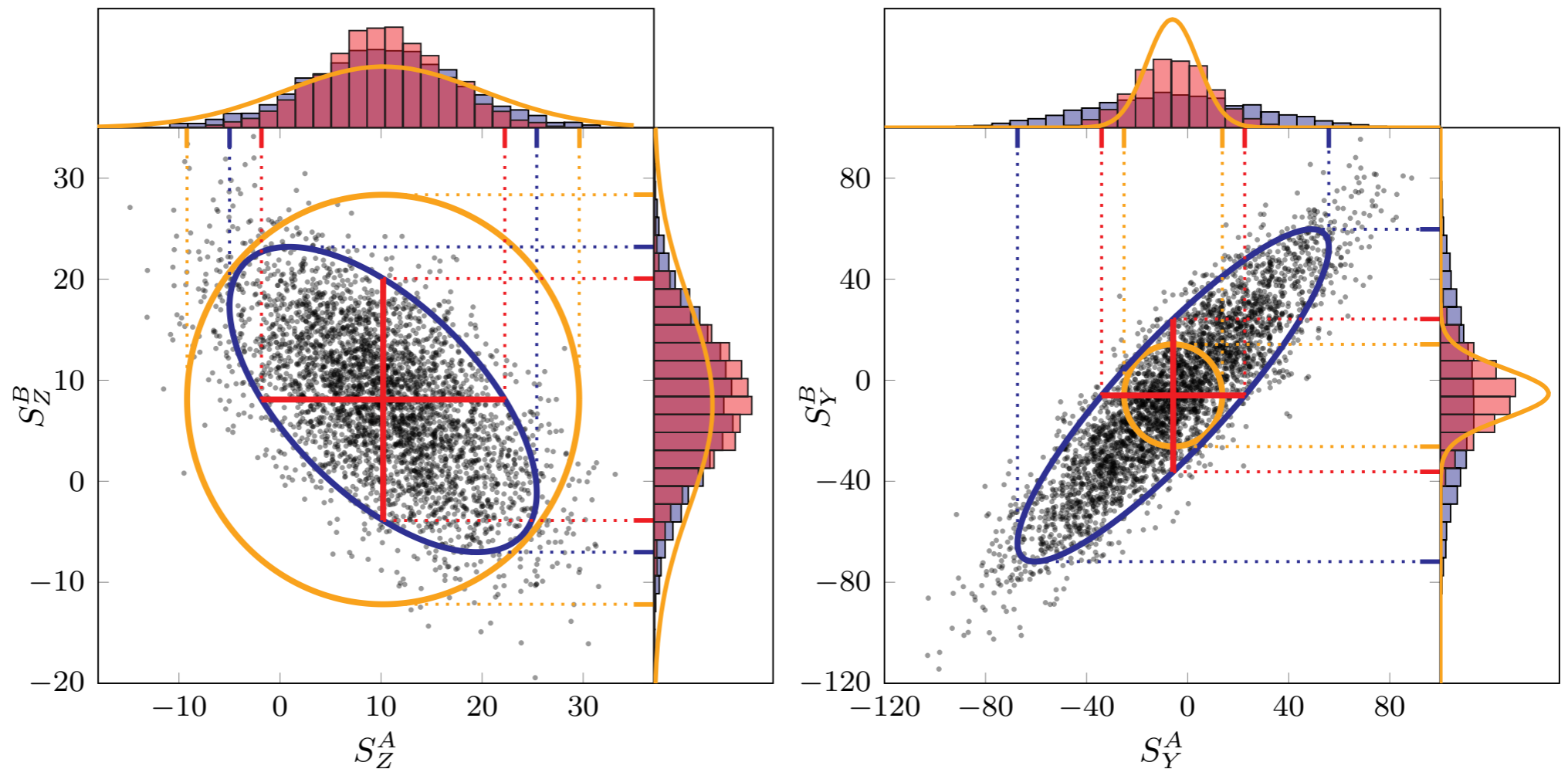
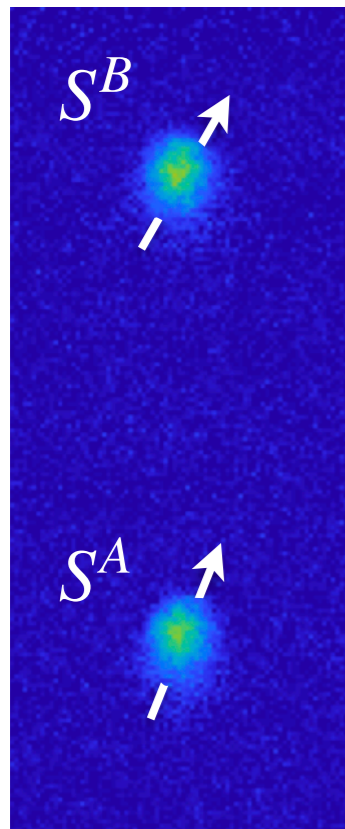
Coherent spatial splitting of BEC



Independent spin rotations after splitting



Entanglement between spatially separated BECs



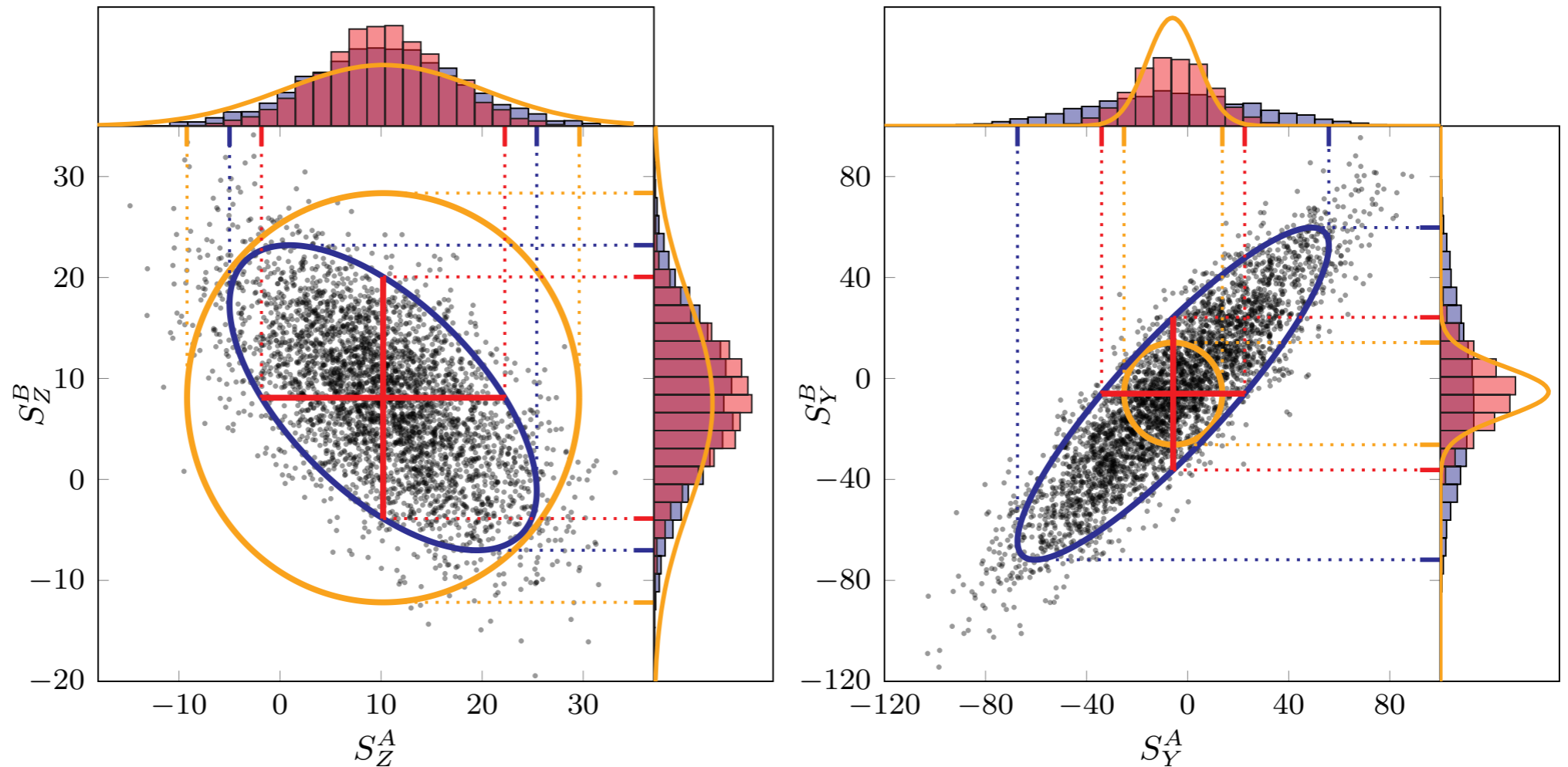
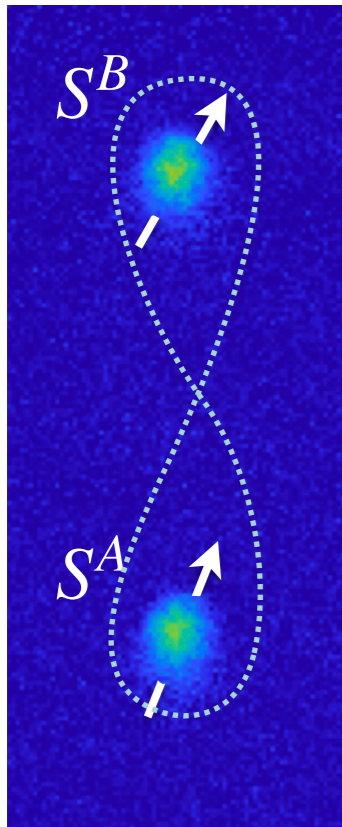
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- split spins are still squeezed
- contrast in S_x^A and S_x^B about 94%

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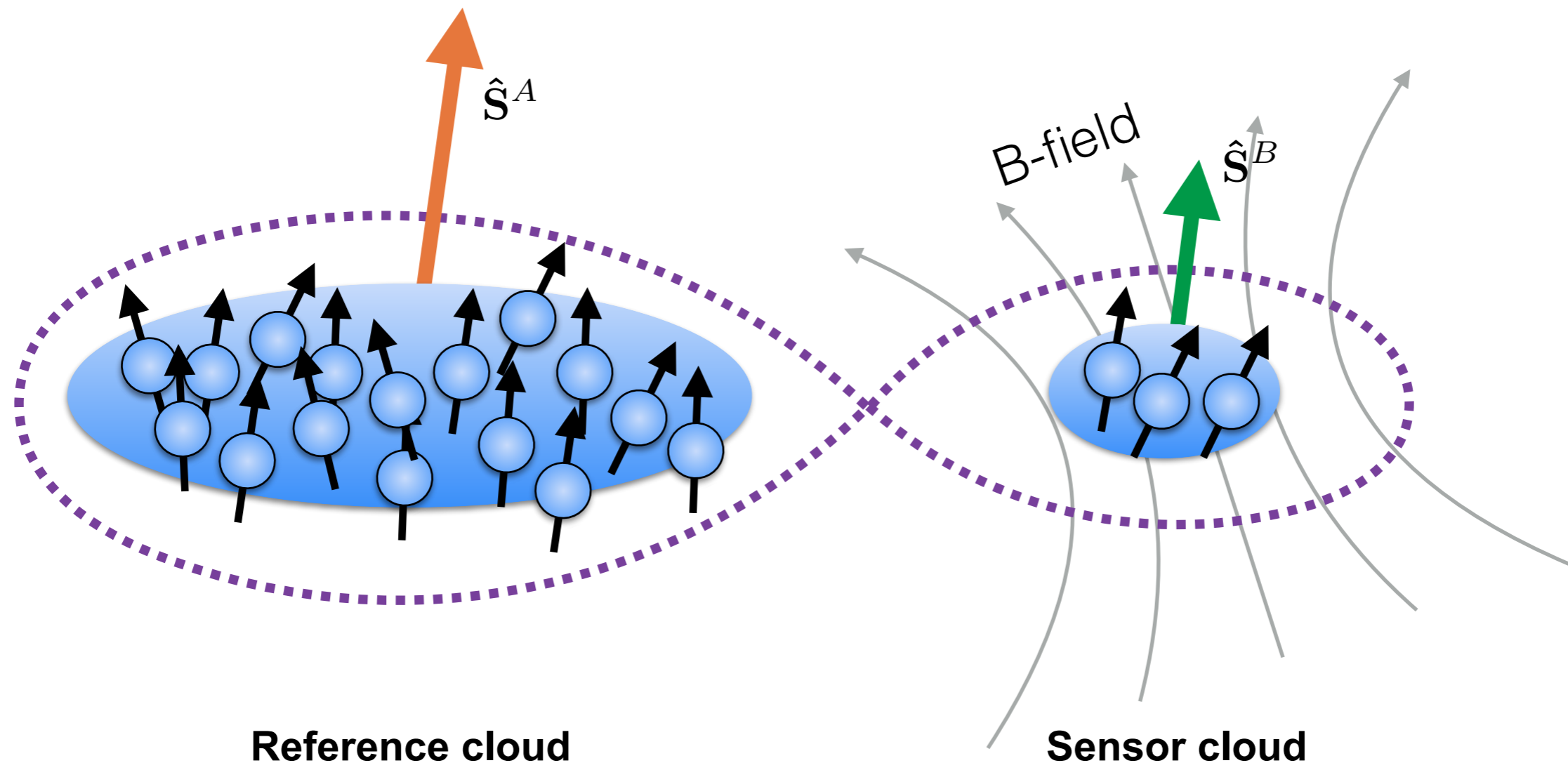
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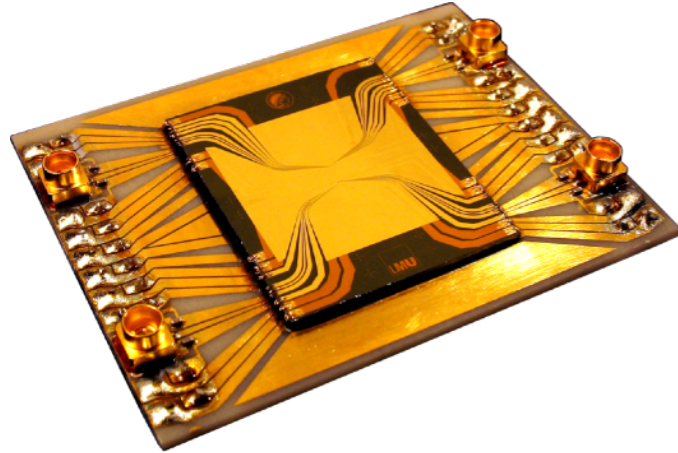
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Quantum enhanced measurements with entangled BECs



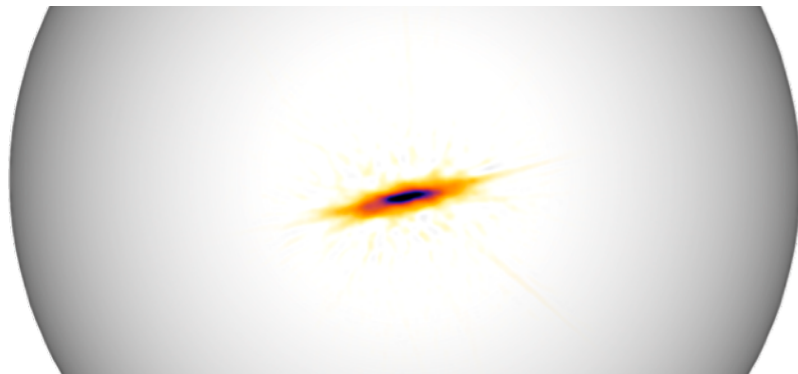
- small sensor size leads to projection noise
- entanglement with large reference cloud improves measurement

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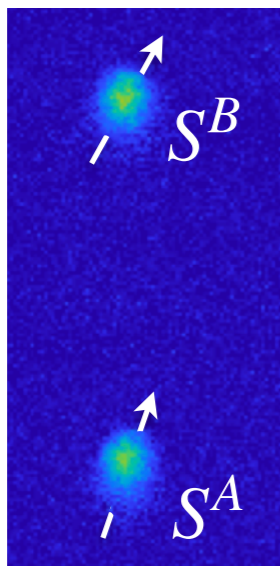
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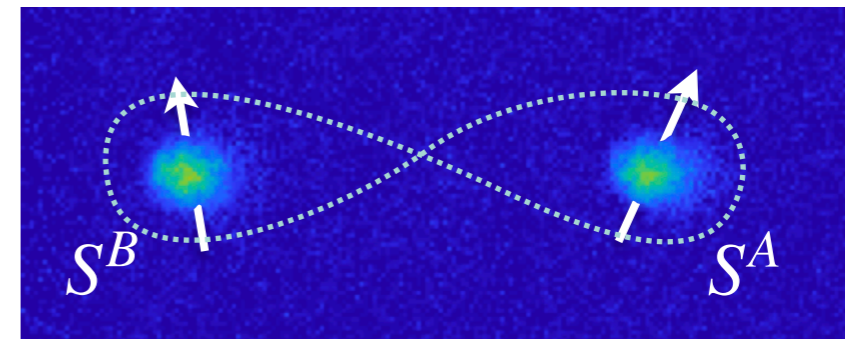
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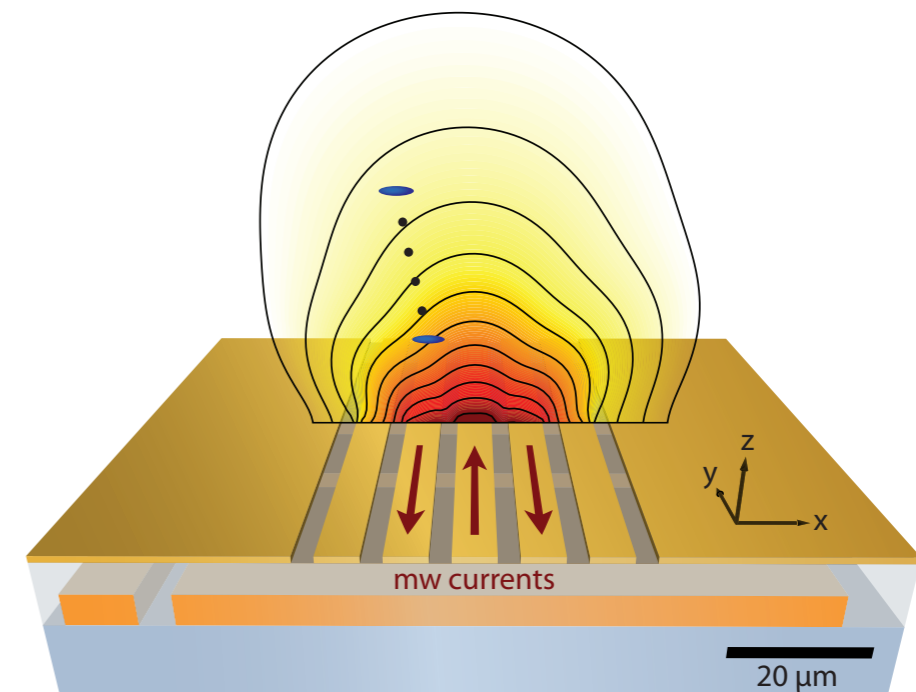
Tests of quantum physics with massive many-particle systems

- strong non-classical correlations (EPR, Bell)
- scaling with particle number N
- decoherence



Quantum metrology close to a chip surface

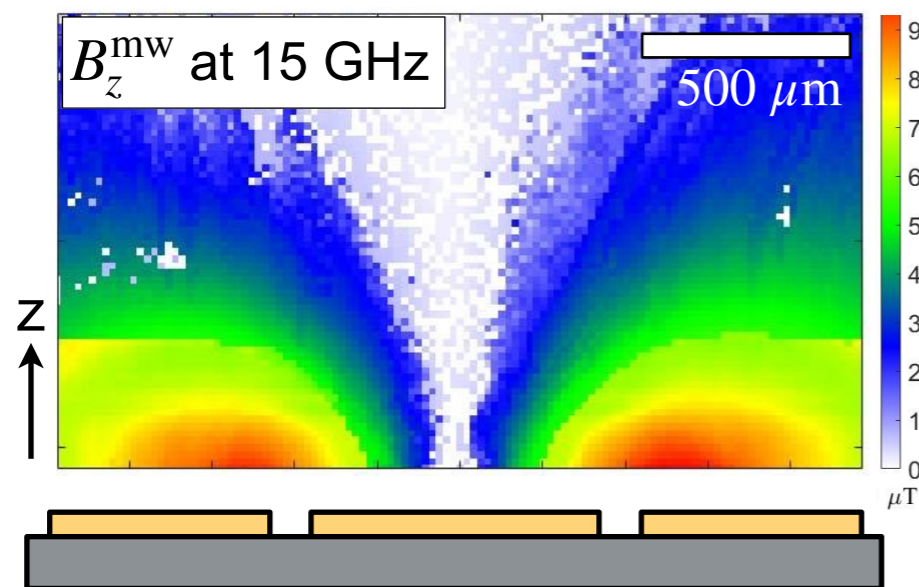
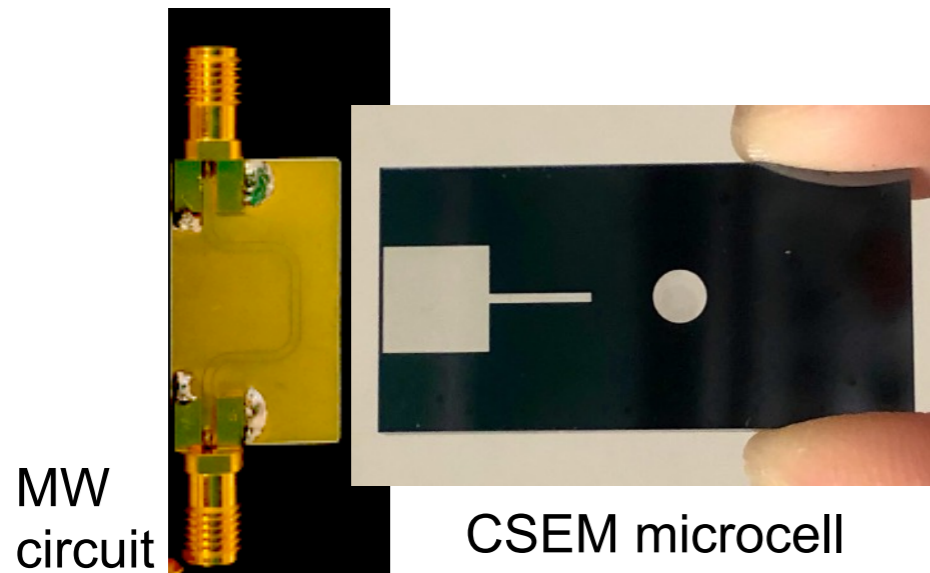
- chip-based atomic clocks and interferometers
- field and force measurements on micrometer scale
- Casimir-Polder forces
- spin-dependent forces
- entanglement-enhanced precision
- measurements with entangled atom arrays



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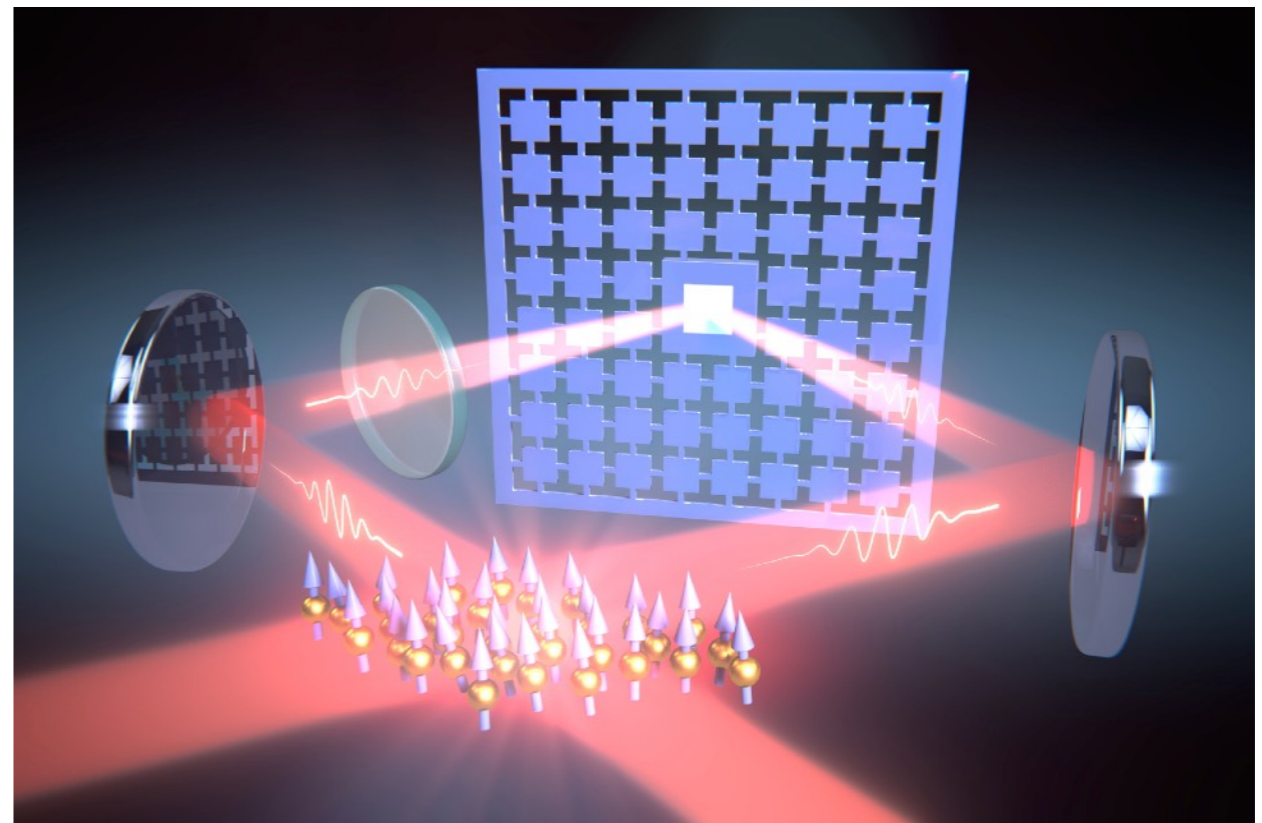
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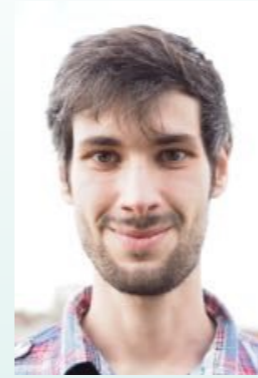
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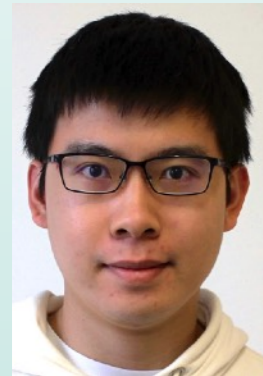
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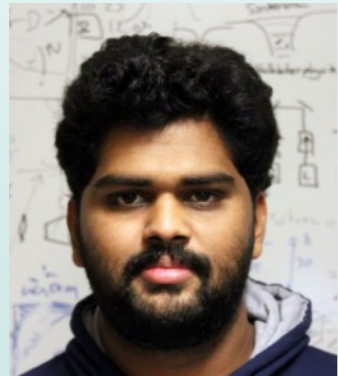
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